

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chetana Parmar.

Members Present: Chetana Parmar, Chris Zigamont, Beverly Tappan, Kristen Osterwood, Nina Braun, Jackie Ojala, Adam Dumville, Kristen Murphy (Town Representative), Niko Papakonstantis (Select Board Representative)

Thank you to Dave Sharples for all the effort, time, and input on this committee, Kristen Murphy is here as town staff support.

Approval **meeting minutes from December 2021 and February 2022.**

Earth Day: April 11-22 DPW sponsored neighborhood trash pick up. You can get gloves, hi-vis vests, and bags from DPW.

Single Use Plastic Ban: Ready to move forward to the next stage:

- Much discussion, and how to enforce. Suggestions: non-refundable/refundable deposit (Chris will send notes), and promoting organizations that are following the ordinance and other businesses within Exeter that are sustainability champions
- Single use plastic bottles are included in ban. Modify the purpose to reflect this and banning all single use plastic that other viable options

Alewife: Alewife festival, and potential films to be shown at PEA after the festival. Chetana will forward potential films for group to review. Share information about textile recycling, junk mail.

Kristen updates:

- 967 lbs of textiles have been recycled
- 16,500 lbs food waste composted with Mr. Fox
- DPW reusing plastic barrels that residents can get for use as rain barrels for a donation to St. Vincent DePaul

Niko Update

- Jennifer Perry won a National award - 1st woman to win in New England, in part due to her sustainability initiatives

Motion to adjourn at 8:31

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Osterwood