

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Chris at 7:02pm

Members present: Chris Zigmont, Adam Dumville, Stacey Rogers, and Jackie Ojala

Staff and Select Board Member Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation & Sustainability Planner
Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Representative

Other Attendees: Ryan Jean, resident

Public Comment – Ryan is looking forward to the single-use plastics ban moving forward

Motion by Adam, 2nd by Jackie to **approve meeting minutes from Oct 4, 2022** as presented. The motion passes, unanimously.

Pumpkin composting will be available at Laney & Lu on Nov 6th 9-11am. Local girl scouts will direct residents to compost their pumpkins. The event is open to all Exeter residents and free coffee will be provided for those composting pumpkins.

Single Use Plastics

- Subcommittee- Kristen, Chris, and Stacey met to make slides/discussion select board presentation
- The policy will be presented to the Select Board on 11/14, 11/21, and 12/5
- In addition to slides provided, several FAQs will be covered in the presentation
 - Kristen to incorporate feedback from town staff and permittees as FAQs
 - This includes hesitations about a lack of public water access
 - Kristen meeting with trustees regarding adding a water fountain to Swasey Park
 - Chris provided several suggestions to consider for FAQs/presentation
 - Emphasize policy is for town property vs the whole town
 - Highlight the transition period that is built into the policy
 - The intent is for the committee to help solve problems/find solutions
 - Ex: locating a local supplier of canned water
 - Ryan mentioned that local contractors may have volunteer hours that they would be willing to use to help with installing water fountains
 - Adam suggested 2 edits to the policy as written in the slides; change language of section 24.05 point 1. to omit ‘that includes the potential penalties for future violations’ and add a definition of distribution
 - Adam emphasized that plastics use fossil fuels to both create and recycle

- **Committee to send any additional FAQs to Kristen by 11/8**

Sub-committee Updates

- Adam & Chris
 - 3 priorities moving forward – in packet
 - Ryan added that NH adopted the 2018 building code for 2023, and Exeter is currently following the 2015 version
 - We can adopt more stringent building codes than what the state has
 - Kristen has located grants that are available to evaluate building codes to make improvements – possible for a subcommittee to look into these grants moving forward

Kristen provided updates on other committees

Chris suggests that the SAC meet with other related committees in a posted meeting quarterly/semi-annually to discuss what we are working on.

Someone from SAC could also attend energy committee meetings quarterly.

With no additional business, Adam motioned, and Stacey seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ojala