

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2022**

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

Members present: Chetana Palmer, Chris Zigmont, Adam Dumville, Nina Braun, Stacey Rogers, and Jackie Ojala

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

Motion by Adam, 2nd by Chris to **approve meeting minutes from September 6, 2022**, as presented. Motion passes, unanimously.

Sub-Committee Follow Up

- Amending the **SAC Charge** – Nina & Jackie
 - Nina presented the proposed changes that were sent out to the committee
 - Kristen suggests changing ‘publicize’ in item 3 to ‘promote’
 - Discussion of sustainability definition. Committee agrees to use the 1987 official definition and relation to the town of Exeter.
 - Niko suggests reviewing Energy Committee’s charge as an example
 - Jackie & Nina to incorporate discussion and send the updates to the chair to be shared prior to the next meeting
- Define **top 3 action items** for this year (summarized below, finalized version to be shared) – Adam & Chris
 - Audit of CIP budget proposals – checklist/template for this
 - 8/22 select board meeting shows energy efficiency is a part of the discussion for public safety building
 - Help with implementation of single-use plastic ban
 - Prioritize getting a public water fountain
 - Support and promote water conservation measures
 - Chris to finalize these items and send them to the chair to be shared prior to the next meeting

Single Use Plastics

- Present document at 3 November select board meetings, beginning 11/7
 - Kristen is working on the Presentation. Stacey, Chris, and Chetana to review
 - To include: Why this policy (impact of plastics), outreach, origin, outline, FAQs
 - Communication updates from last month;
 - Nina reached out to Sr Center but no response yet
 - Adam reached out to TEAM

- Concerns that numerous vendors would back out of festivals due to financial concerns
- Open to working with the committee
- Water fill stations are a must
- Recycling bins in Swasey Parkway
- Kristen to contact someone at the Chamber of Commerce who organized Chilly/beer fest as an example of an event using composting
 - Possible workshop with Chamber of Commerce about sourcing compostable items
- Reach out to Mr. Fox for materials for parks and rec to have for people applying for permits

Pumpkin composting event

- Unsure if we will do it again at Laney & Lu or direct the town to the transfer station
 - Chris to check with girl scouts to see if they are interested in volunteering if we held the event
 - Chetana to check with Jenn at Laney & Lu if we find someone to staff the event
 - Jackie to update the poster as needed for distribution
 - Start planning for the event for 2023 earlier if there is a good turnout this year

With no additional business, Chetana motioned, and Chris seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ojala