

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by Chetana at 7:00pm

Members present: Chetana Palmer, Chris Zigmont, Adam Dumville, and Stacey Rogers. Nina Braun arrived at 7:25 pm.

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

Other Attendees: Ryan Jean, resident

The Chair acknowledged Kristen Osterwoods resignation and thanked her for her valuable participation in the committee.

Public Comment – Ryan spoke about his day with the High School environmental club focused on electric vehicles. He mentioned that they are interested in installing a charging station.

Motion by Adam, 2nd by Chris to **approve meeting minutes from November 1, 2022** as presented. The motion passes, unanimously.

Single Use Plastics

- The draft ordinance will be presented to the Select Board on 12/19 for it's 3rd reading
- Kristen walked through slides she has prepared for Monday's Select Board meeting.
- The Committee made some minor adjustments to the language.
 - Add to end of 24.04.4: "...implementing acceptable alternatives as they are identified with an objective of meeting financial and sustainability goals."
 - Deleted text in 24.05 and replaced with "Subject to the exceptions above the following shall apply"
 - Revised 24.05.2 to state: "Town Departments will meet with the Town Manager and Conservation and Sustainability Planner to seek alternative solutions to achieve compliance with this ordinance."
- Motion by Adam, 2nd by Chris to **recommend the language as amended**. The motion passes, unanimously.

Sub-committee Updates

- Nina presented an overview of her meeting with the director of Meals on Wheels and stated they were willing and interested to source alternative products to plastic and Styrofoam. Kristen will send the Beyond Plastics template process specific for Meals on Wheels

- The SAC will prepare a letter for the Select Board recommending they clarify the language that the additional funding is clarified
 - 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

Adam would like to request the next agenda include discussion of grants related to sustainable buildings and support for water bottle stations.

With no additional business, Adam motioned, and Chris seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Murphy