

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Jan 3rd, 2023**

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

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

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

Other Attendees: Ryan Jean, resident

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Stacey to **approve meeting minutes from Dec 12th** as presented. Motion passes, unanimously.

Single Use Plastics

- Kristen provided recap of the 3rd public hearing at select board
 - The select board was more supportive of a town policy vs an ordinance
 - SAC members discussed and agreed that due to the importance and urgency of the climate crisis an ordinance is better suited than a policy
 - Chetana motioned, Nina second to keep the proposed ordinance as an ordinance. The motion passes, unanimously.
 - Kristen, Chris, and Nina to form a sub-committee to draft a one-page cheat sheet explaining the proposed ordinance to attach to permit applications
 - SAC will submit a memo explaining why an ordinance vs a policy is preferred to select board packet on the Wednesday before the 4th reading on Jan 30th, 2023.
- Update on the Charge
 - Jackie to send the most recent draft of the charge to SAC members via email, SAC members will make notes independently to discuss at the next meeting
- Sustainable building grants
 - Ryan mentioned that Building and electrical codes are privately created and difficult to access
 - SAC will try to schedule a speaker on sustainable building concepts in April.
 - Nina and Stacey to connect with their contacts to see if interested in speaking
- Water bottle refill station support
 - SAC discussed possible locations including near the public restrooms, Swasey parkway, and near the boathouse (would need PEA assistance)
 - Approximately \$3-5k to install one water bottle refill station
 - Kristen has located 5 or 6 grant options, many open in the Spring
- Chetana will send year-end report to the town

With no additional business, Chetana motioned, and Chris seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ojala