

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

November 14, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

Committee members present: Scott Orzechowski, Chair, Doug Watson, Devon Stanley, Wendy Berkeley and Michael Bobinsky.

ABSENT: City Councilor Ed Levasseur

Chairman Scott Orzechowski called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES. Minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting was considered. Wendy's last name was misspelled in the October 17 minutes, should be Berkeley . Devon Stanley moved and Wendy Berkeley seconded the motion to accept the minutes as amended to reflect the correct spelling of Wendy's last name. Motion was unanimously approved.

2.Project Planning

Scott advises that the focus of tonight's meeting will be on project planning for the year ahead and focus areas for the Committee while developing a consensus on next projects to sponsor, endorse and or implement on behalf of the Committee. As part of future planning, Scott describes on the Committee seeks to align itself with the Vision 20/20 goals, and refers to projects from a previous rating matrix, that reflects areas on going and those completed, (i.e., idle reduction policy). Scott discusses use of the rating matrix /criteria for selecting new projects and offered his top ranked areas/projects as follows:

- Improve HHW disposal programs
- Develop a Marketing Plan
- Continue participation on the Mayors Preserve Somersworth Committee
- Promote purchase of energy efficient vehicles for City operations
- Improved methods to share information among the various City assigned Committees

Other Committee members offered individual rankings of project areas and following discussion the Committee came up with the following top ranked project areas:

1. Develop a "how to" brochure or web link, for the proper disposal of HHW items
2. Single Use Plastic Reduction Goal
3. Implement High Street Traffic Light Synchronization Project -assist with evaluating results
4. Support energy efficient heating system improvements at City Hall
5. Evaluate curbside food composting programs
6. Use of organic herbicides on City ballfields, sidewalks.

The Committee then discussed this listing to determine top priorities to work on; Doug points out that goals should be based around urgency to act not just on what might be less complicated to implement.

The Committee concluded the top two goals/project areas the Committee should begin looking into is a "How to" brochure/communication tool for the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste and support City efforts to improve the heating system at City Hall by researching utility grants, and other means; and evaluate greater use of organic herbicides use in City operations.

Scott referenced project and focus areas the Committee is currently involved with such as the Speaker Series, participation on the Mayors Somersworth Preserve Somersworth Committee, promotion of planting trees in public spaces, and public communications via newsletter articles.

Wendy Berkeley moved and Mike Bobinsky seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 19,2019, 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Bobinsky