

# MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

## EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

September 19, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

Committee members present: Scott Orzechowski, Ed Levasseur, Devon Stanley, and Michael Bobinsky.

ABSENT: Wendy Berkeley, Doug Watson

Chairman Scott Orzechowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1.APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.** Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting was considered. Ed Levasseur moved and Mike Bobinsky seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **2.Correspondence**

A task force of Granite State voters reached out to Scott asking for the Somersworth Sustainability Committee's help in mustering a 2/3 majority in overriding 5 vetoed bills regarding energy efficiency.

Robin Sullivan, Coordinator of The Zero Energy Project contacted Scott with information about resources available to help the City become carbon-neutral, as well as a blog for promoting the City's energy efforts.

### **3.Unfinished Business**

#### ***-Update on the Proposed Idling Reduction Policy***

Mike presented a final draft for the policy. New employees will sign this policy upon beginning employment. Discussion was had on whether or not we could have contractors sign this as well, but the consensus was that it would make more sense to put idling requests in the contract/bidding for the contractors. The policy has been adopted, and was anticipated that it would be presented at the next Government Operations Committee meeting. Members were advised that the policy did not require action by the City Council's Government Operations Committee as this is an administrative policy the City Manager can implement.

#### ***Items for City Newsletter***

The Community Garden's fall cleanup is October 19<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date the following Saturday.

#### ***Climate Change Speaker Series.***

- Amanda Gazlay, Executive Director of The Falls Chamber of Commerce will be unable to attend.
- Scott will contract the Mayor and Rob Werner regarding logistics, and how we will be acquiring the film.
- Devon will email the high school science teachers. He will also contact the CTC and ask them about which door we will be entering through, and who will be locking/unlocking the door.
- Mike will take notes at the event.
- Ed will greet the guests as they arrive

**New Business**

Somersworth Middle School is having their “Trash on the Lawn” Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be sorting through the waste from the previous day and discussing what they can do to make their school a more sustainable place.

Mike Bobinsky moved and Ed Levasseur seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devon Stanley