



## MANCHESTER BY THE SEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes 1/10/2019

Started our meeting at 7:20 with Gary Gilbert, Linda Kaplan, Alison Anholt-White and Su Mittermaier in attendance

Apologies: Faith Emerson, Corey Meyer and Michael Even

1. **Gary Gilbert presented a new by-law Section 43, Article X:** Sustainability Committee voted to support this petition
2. **Approved minutes** from 12/06/2018
3. **Committee Members:** Alison Anholt-White solicited new committee members in the Cricket. Waiting to hear.

With sadness, we bid farewell to Michael Even committee member. Thank you, Michael, in helping to get the official committee off the ground. It's exciting to hear that you are now helping the Town through the Financial Committee, which we know to be a demanding task. Good luck!

4. **"Wasted" Community Dinner with Manchester-Essex Regional High School Green Team:**
  - a) Confirm date for next meeting with Keith Gray, Kia Petrie (Middle School Science) (Su & Alison)
  - b) Confirm date for HS movie showing/potluck dinner. Targeting mid-March – deciding with Mrs. Puglisi, Mr. Gray and Mr. Hartan. (Su)
  - c) Promote composting too! Invite Andrew from Black Earth to this community evening. Ask him to give an educational chat. (Su)
5. **Feedback from Alison's meeting with Greg Federspiel:**
  - a) Confirmed that we should carry on as Sustainability Committee. Town and residents still support this effort

- b) Black Earth will not take over the transfer station. Too costly as they would need an aerator and too many changes.
- c) No more green stickers, \$27 to carry away large items curbside. Done by Waste Management directly.

**6. Recycling plan - how best to support and supplement Town efforts**

- a. Media campaign: Town website (Alison), social media (Faith), flyers, Cricket (Alison wrote an article and will continue), card mailing (done through DPW), email, should we use Constant Contact? Other items for an action plan?
- b. Design display table for Town meetings, Library, etc. (Alison, Gary)
- c. Presentation/Powerpoint to make at Town meeting, Community Center, or whenever appropriate
- d. Shadow box of yes and no recycled items (Gary, Alison)
- e. **Top issue** signage for prominent display around town. Sandwich board with single issue. Composting sign on Standley's fence. (Linda) Ask Green Team to help with signage.
- f. Comprehensive handout of yes and no items, how to pack recyclables (sent via DPW/Waste management, reinforce through Middle School presentation)
- g. Continue promoting composting: in parks, on streets, with restaurants
- h. Can we organize a school (or community member) outing to MRF\* and incinerator?
- i. Follow up to "Wasted" event at the Community Center or library with speaker about recycling

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Next meeting 2/7- Thursday 7:30PM good for everyone??

\*A materials recovery facility, materials reclamation facility, materials **recycling** facility or Multi re-use facility (**MRF**, pronounced "murf") is a specialized plant that receives, separates and prepares **recyclable** materials for marketing to end-user manufacturers.