



MANCHESTER BY THE SEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 6/13/2019 7:30 PM Town Hall

Attendees: Alison Anholt-White (chair), Allie St. Marie, Dana Spang Menon, Carley Cooke, Nadia Wetzler, Su Mittermaier

Absent: Melissa Flinn, Kyle Khani, Gary Gilbert

- 1) Approved minutes from 5/2/19
- 2) Cape Ann Community Foundation Grant (Su) – no update yet, still waiting
- 3) Survey update next time. (Kyle)
- 4) Beth Porter from Green America event report (Alison) – about 40 people attended, super speaker and guest, see link from Alison. Amy Leonard [The Story of Stuff](#) quotes. Reuse/reimagine means rather than buying new, move to repair items instead of throwing things away. Spread the word as to how to actually do this.
- 5) Waste Management contract (Nadia) – There is less recycling since increased plastic ban. Nadia only received the addendums and not the core contract. Nadia will follow up with Greg Federspiel to look at core contract.
- 6) Request that all local restaurants use compostable ware for takeout – Carley will talk to new restaurant replacing Superfine & Captain Dusty's. Who will approach Antique Table, Bravo, Black Arrow, Richdale's, Essen, Laughing Gull, Utopia Farms, etc.? Shall we do a letter writing campaign as end-consumers to encourage any businesses that need to change?
- 7) Composting update (Andrew/Alison) – Allie and Carley have encouraged their neighbors to start composting. Allie promoted the idea at Hit the Streets and delivered bins to a few families. Andrew will let us know if there is increased usage.
- 8) MBTS Sustainability Committee Seal of Approval (Alison): Shared some of these with local businesses. Continuing to work on this for next meeting.
- 9) Sustainability Pledge (Alison) – ideal: intended as an exercise to change your habits, handout at public places and events
- 10) New Facebook page for us (Kyle). Add Kid video from Tory, plus MRF, photos, etc..
- 11) Need volunteer to collaborate with School Committee – elementary school is still using plastic water bottles. Shannon Erdman is School Committee chair. Memorial School too. (Allie) High school and middle school already do this.
- 12) Meeting with Eric Magers – Seaside Sustainability (Alison and Su)
- 13) Community Gardens (Dana) -
- 14) Collaboration with Gloucester and other local towns. Need volunteer to manage.
- 15) Future events:
 - a) Plan event in Community Center for October 5 (or Sept 21, Sept 28 as alternatives. Tables with information about all our topics of concern. Make your own cleaning solution, make your own playdoh, etc. Common Crow to have a table. Consignment shops to join us? Wild Oats.

Preserve. Backyard Gardens. Black Earth. Hazardous waste drop off. Ink drop off. CSAs. Live music. Send ideas to Dana to put into a spreadsheet.

- b) Pascal Mittermaier to speak in the autumn?
- c) Suggestions for movie about recycling: Bag It. Wally.
- d) Continue to make an announcement at summer concerts with 1 piece of advice per week. (Carley, Allie)
- e) Next single issue sign: 1) composting saves us \$10K per year as a town at our current rate (which is about 25% of households), 2) postcard to each household

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Next meeting dates: Thursday, July 11 at 7:30PM in Town Hall.