

MANCHESTER BY THE SEA SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 9/5/2019 7:30 PM Town Hall

Approved 9/19/2019

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

Absent: Kyle Khani, Melissa Flinn

1. Draft minutes from 7/14/2019 approved.
2. Sustainability event planning:
 - Speakers on Fri night: Janet Domenitz of MassPIRG confirmed speaker. Other ideas to fill up the evening:
 - Green Team comes to talk about their different projects?
 - Janet Domenitz
 - Movie idea: Bag It. 1.5hrs or 45mins (2 versions). How to pay for this and other costs of the event?
 - Write an article/ad in the Manchester Cricket to call for volunteers for vendors. Alison has already booked an ad for November.
 - Materials for the fair should recognize sponsors - entry banner, flyers, etc.
 - Food truck - need to confirm location, permitting, costs. Dana contact health dept. to follow up.
 - Fix it table ideas:
 - have a list of local resources for repair, and have a sign-up list for interest in future fix it cafe (find out about what it's ok to call it - Dana)
 - rotating demos: furniture repair, sm electronics repair, small metal work, etc.
 - Where to take non-curb-side recyclables: make an info sheet (Dana)
 - Have info on what you can and can't recycle, and have info sheet on what and why (Carley)
 - Black Earth will have a table (Andrew).
 - Cape Ann Farmers Market and Backyard Growers will share a table. Make sure to have a kid's activity. Dana will check in with them again at the end of Sept. Dana put together a poll on community garden interest.
 - Neptune's Harvest (Carley). Can they share with Backyard Growers?
 - CSA list - info sheet. (Allie)
 - Recycling & Town DPW table: Kia Petrie & Kay Mol
 - Homemade beauty products & cleaning products: Mary Hart for beauty products; cleaning products recipe cards
 - Homemade dog treats recipe card (w/beauty and cleaning recipe cards) with fact on waste in pet industry
 - Carley: upcycled hats kid craft - which table to put this at?
 - Clothing & furniture swaps/recycling/donations: List of resources (Nadia will compile from Alison's template), Stock Exchange table? (Alison)
 - Preserve - confirmed
 - Other Town Initiatives/Committees/Depts: Alison will write to all of them

- MECT, Greenbelt, Trustees (Allie), Friends of Manchester Trees (Su).
 - Big Mike's pop-up bike repair - has a van, he'd be outside.
 - Brookwood's sustainability team, to demonstrate what they do (Carley))
 - MassSaves products from Manchester hardware?
 - Info sheets on carbon offsets (air travel, etc)
 - Manchester Public Library: table with sustainability books, seed library & swap, kids' activities
 - Cape Ann Time Bank (Dana): join in fix it cafe table?
 - Sustainable paddler - Alison Teal videos upstairs during event (Nadia)? Other videos to add into the loop?
 - Recycled Activities for Kids: Claudette Yutkins
 - Ask me I'm an expert badges for who? Kay (DPW), Andrew (Composting) ... who else?
 - Food: Wild Oats (Alison), food truck (Dana), Bravo - selling slices? (Allie), Kim Gregory?
 - Arjuna Capital (Su), Change is Simple (Alison) - share a table?
 - Dana: make diagram of tables/events
 - Gather info on why people aren't currently composting
 - Household sustainability checklist (Dana)
 - Need money for this event! Alison will ask Greg for some, need other sponsors.
3. Rockport site visit - swap shop info.
 4. Board of Selectmen presentation: Monday the 16th. Dana will compile info from everyone and draft Goals & Objectives - prioritized. Milestones: Events organized, amount of trash/recycling/composting ...
 5. After the fair: Want to have info campaign on how much trash & recycling is costing us - Allie
 6. Facebook Page: Alison & Melissa have been working on it
 7. Local restaurants & Crosbys: using compostable utensils, containers, etc.
 8. Community Gardens - poll on interest @ sustainability fair

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm