

**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**August 14, 2019**

**Present:** John Gorham, Andrew Belden, Chuck Kabat, Leigh Hafrey, Emily Walton, Deb Harrison

**Guests:** Dave Ward, Angie Cleavland and Mike Steinoff, also resident in Dedham., Board of Health members

C. Kabat made a motion to open the meeting. Leigh second. All in favor.

**Minutes Review**

L. Hafrey made a motion to accept the minutes. J. Gorham second. All in favor.

**MVP Marketing and Action Grant Discussion with Kim Lundgren, KLA Associates**

Kim Lundgren reviewed the branding and handed out pieces of paper asking for the Committee to each individually think about 1-5 words that you would use to describe how you feel and think about Dedham. Kim asked if anyone wanted to share. J. Gorham vibrant, inclusive, progressive, Chuck said changing, Deb hometown.

Describe your vision for a sustainable and resilient Dedham in 1-5 words. Leigh – better mass transit, finish town hall, equity, Deb – pride – town pride, Emily – better infrastructure. Andrew – clean, inclusive, welcoming

KLA will put names and tag lines to this and send to V. LeClair for the Committee’s review. Then we will develop icons that will stick out throughout the plan and as part of the plan and planning process.

J. Gorham said the biggest thing is how we communicate to the entire community, so everyone is involved and they understand what we are trying to accomplish.

Kim reviewed the timeline.

Task 1 baseline assessment – look at plans, form climate stakeholder group and there we will build the community engagement strategy. First meeting of stakeholder group late Sept and early Oct.

We talked about the plan breakdown – waste management, infrastructure, economy, building and energy, Natural Resources, Health and Public Safety

Task 2 Action identification

KLA will develop a screening tool of climate resilience and nature-based solution framework to make sure we are covering everything and this will be reviewed at our stakeholder meeting. This is used to evaluate and make sure we are on task. Kim showed example of this from New Bedford which highlighted equity, empowerment, ghg and resilience, and community character. Equity is broken out into many options. And then categorized it by positive, neutral and negative contribution.

These elements create a plan and simultaneously VHB will be working to update Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Community engagement – equitable engagement process to engage as many community members and backgrounds as possible. We will do targeting engagement to youth. In other communities they have created separate survey to engage. We talked about Haitian community, seniors, Hispanic, lower income and neighborhoods with a focus on East Dedham having a voice.

Deb asked about group of churches and stewardship. Kim mentioned that V. LeClair mentioned we want to engage churches. We want to cast a wide net.

Kim showed examples of work in other places. Thrive Indianapolis Fact sheets. Fact sheets will be for each section of the plan – waste, transportation and energy. Break down the plan into these fact sheets and give the icons for each element. We can provide examples of what we have done or what other communities have done.

Our plan would show timeline of what we have done so far. Incorporated parts of MVP. Results of engagement process. Calls to action and check sheet with be part of the solution. Metrics will be up on dashboard where our plan will live online and we can track progress.

Chuck liked the map in Indianapolis and that they could see where you could put in a boat, walking space and create a map of green community's features.

Deb talked about the graphics are so beautiful and how we can showcase this at the new Town Hall. She thought we should have Fast facts on wetlands and quantify what financial benefits these environmental initiatives have on our community. Also, lets quantify environmental benefits.

### **Discussion with the Board of Health regarding the Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw**

Members from the Board of Health introduced themselves

Mary presented difference from Bylaw vs regulation and she saw that many city and Towns have it as a bylaw vs regulation. Input from Town council agreed bylaw. Enforcable by a number of agencies not just one agency she saw that in her research. More man power out there. Mary thinks it's a great initiative but wants to think it through enforcement and cost. Board of Selectmen, building dept and residents report.

Chuck said who?

Leanne said we are supportive, but we are strapped that we have to do so many inspections per year. They don't have enough staff to do what we have regulated. Full time person needed to keep up with demand.

Could the members of the sustainability committee be the ones to go in and check?

Resource constrained Board of Health. Andy asked are you openly looking to add more resources? The fees go back to the general fund that they charge.

Mary said we set regulations that could be reasonable and enforceable. Educational role out.

J. Gorham said issue is they are a small department that don't have the ability to enforce. With the Town growing commercially they can't add that. Repeating cycle of all restaurants and stores in town. Talk with Leontia about retail and commercial stores. Identify number of facilities. BOH is not in retail stores so they would need to go into those stores that they usually don't. It has to be more than one entity dividing up the enforcement. There are a lot not covered by them.

J. Gorham said he has been reaching out to Town Meeting Members and started reaching out to new members.

Deb asked if the enforcement would be different if it was a State law? Deb asked if this is a short-term concern for BOH if it becomes actual bylaw.

Mary said in short term if DSAC authorized to be enforcing agency for first 6 months and authority to speak with store manager, confirm and find out why still using and give warning. At least we would have a beginning and if it would fall on BOH. If complaints come into Environmental office then if BOH software updated then it could be logged into then and track the enforcement. It would be a transition period. It will be top heavy at the beginning and then run out. Chuck likes that suggestion.

Mary said how many facilities find out. What is the total number we are looking at that would be impacted. Clerks office has a list of all businesses.

Chuck asked about the software - Maven Software.

Emily asked about the software used for inspections if it has businesses in there.

J. Gorham said lets take your concerns and see what we can do to address them. Leonne said its not an issue of not wanting to participate.

Old/New Business

L. Hafrey made a motion to adjourn. Chuck Kabat second. All in favor.  
Next meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>.