

## JULY 11, 2011 MEETING NOTES

present:

jon, carol, russ, stephen, liz, (beppie martin)

- social marketing session needs to be rescheduled

green dedham  
dedham natural wonders

- MEETING SCHEDULE: 2nd monday/mth will be each meeting (open space is first mon/mth)

- MUSIC FEST DEBRIEF

--each person who stopped by had some sense of "green" living, and it ranged from just a little to a fair amt.

--people liked hands on displays, free stuff went fast

--do there need to be more "green" barrels for trash vs recycling, labeling issue-we need to ask the co that brings the barrels, so they look like the barrels

--farmer's market table also drew interest

--do we need better signage for the next event? (refer to later discussion of the logo

--weather was lousy-

--good concept to join forces with the music fest

--we need to be more in the marketing up front next time

--better idea than green fair that we had at the middle school?

--perhaps bc the audience is wider bc there are other things to draw more people to our table when they are there?

- UNRELATED THOUGHTS THAT WERE TOSSED INTO THE CONVERSATION:

--green tool kits -to be ready by the town picnic 9/10?

--ball fields-need recycling so park/rec can support this-could the ballfields be the way to roll out the green tool kit?

- GOALS DISCUSSION:

- re #2, TRANSPORTATION:

--need to have an alternative transportation subcommittee in our committee

--idea: now that the square is getting a facelift, there is an issue re getting to the square on foot and by bike. there is an issue re getting to dedham square from various parts of town

--on goals list remove "conduct transportation study..."

--recall the bike races in former days, also another race that used to stop at the Fairbanks House?

--bike and walking access across rte 1-very poor, pedestrians do not appear to have the right of way.

--once our ideas are formulated the police dept should be in the discussion  
--pine and bridge intersection has no pedestrian rte  
--can safe rtes to school help? rte 109 is a state highway so that means the state highway has to get into the conversation  
--other towns are doing various things to improve pedestrian access  
--stephen: attended westwood bike/ped mtg a few weeks ago:  
--their emphasis was all about safety  
--stephen mentioned the idea of cooperative on using bikes for rec/transportation-do a town bike ride?  
--rail to trails with section from readville to dedham high school? from readville you can get right onto truman and a bike path to the city  
--is there an issue with all of the abutters to the rail/trail section?  
• re #3: ALTERNATIVE ENERGIES  
--mother brook hydro? how much would be generated? is it dependable? is the dam operable?  
--what is the ROI?  
--carmen knows specifics of the mill site?  
--what about at stone mill condos? lots of water runs thru? near where paul mcmurtry lives?  
--wind power: town wind map shows town forest is above min  
--should we look at the wind map again to seek out sites?  
--we might to test some sites with the anemometers up for a yr?  
--could there be job training for the prison inmates? let it double as a educational issue  
--brownfields to bright fields? ie solar on the dump? could the dump be turned into a solar field? not capped-an issue to cap it  
--a solar consultant did look at it and it is viable  
--if it is used then the dump has to be capped off first, of the discussion begins then -  
-we would have to cap it, since we can't be bonded for 3 yrs that would give us time to figure out how to do this and then find a capping co that a co could do the solar work on  
--field is not legal as it sits now, one of approx 250 in the state  
--bill keegan is having some mtgs re this with env dept, keegan, selectmen, ie "powers that be"  
--we know there are grants that would help make this possible  
--issue of ROI vs awareness of town carbon footprint? does focus on ROI keep things from moving forward?  
--should we also look at the 60 car MBTA lot? readville rail yard? the MBTA is going to remediate it, stephen would be happy to look into this, could solar panels be set up there?

- re #4: COMMUNICATIONS

--revive dedham times column, joanna has written an article recently, has gotten it going again

--Stephanie Radner-get her involved:

<http://www.facebook.com/DedhamNaturalWonders>

--world tour:

--get sust com to visit various town depts and organizations-have done this well planning board, school dept/superintendent, BOS

--need to continuously communicate

--we will write a letter to BOS with our goals, then need to have follow up more continuous communication

--take on ped bike history tour of dedham

--one does exist but it is just precinct 1, so build on it?

--Jim Parr: Tales of Dedham book, behind the scenes history, ie where names in the town come from, etc

--what is the potential for getting the residents involved? how to get them involved (ie the way people got in to the bike discussion?)

--on the Green Dedham page, should there be a way to add in favorite biking and walking routes?

#### OTHER:

- POSSIBLE CABLE TV SHOW

--(stephen). greg agnew and stephen talked-we could have our own TV show., a program/mth, would air daily for each day of the month.

--could there be 12 stories to tell in a year? do a story a month? global warming? food? energy? make links bt international, national, local

--stephen would be able to do the camera work in the field, an hr long?

--would there be interviews out in the field?

--seasonal stuff? ie biodiversity day?wants to do something with stephanie, then do the farmers' market, then some canoe paddling

--so we need ideas of what could be presented, link global issues to local issues

--first camera assignment: stephen will shoot footage at the biodiversity day on 7/23

--film low impact development stuff around town? ie rain garden in front of walgreens (bioretention swale so the water goes into the soil and not down the storm drain) permeable pavers on needham st

- NATURE:

--should be part of education? part of green dedham page?

- INFRASTRUCTURE:

--green building? tied to long term goals?

discussion of goals stopped here

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

DEB: report back re windpower from Medford workshop

HW FOR ALL: for next mtg, aug 8th:

look at the goals list and be ready to adopt a topic

#### OTHER:

- logo? deb to ask her daughter for a design proposal

#### UPDATES:

Liz: thanks to stephen for representing us in kansas city

Russ: Avery update re LEED

-now there are 62 lead pts on the cklist, need 60 to be gold LEED, so school will/should be gold

-security lites at Avery site are all CFL

-solar panels still a work in progress

move to adjourn: stephen

2nd by carol

All in favor