



## Dedham Sustainability Advisory Committee

**August 8, 2011**

**Present:** Jonathan Briggs, Deborah Harrison, Joanna Hamblin, Steve MacAusland, Russ Pool, Virginia LeClair

**Guest:** Elisabeth Martin

### **2011 Goals Review**

Deb Harrison discussed her recent meeting with Christine Caseli, Environmental Science teacher at the High School. Deb forwarded Christine's contact information to Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator and they will schedule a time to meet to discuss how Nobles, DHS and the Town can work in partnership.

Deb offered to be the lead on Educational goals.

Green Kit - The group discussed distributing the "Green Kit" to the Welcome Wagon, Dedham 375, Dedham Jr. Woman's Club and the Rotary, as well as schools and residents.

The Green Roundtable was rolled into the Green Business idea. Joanna Hamblin mentioned the local green business that we could highlight Harding Lane hats. [www.harding-lane.com](http://www.harding-lane.com)

Green Fair - The Committee agreed that they would like to have the Green Fair remain with the Music/Arts Festival, but better publicize our involvement next year.

The Sustainable Lunch Program was discussed and V. LeClair offered to get in touch with the head of Food Services to discuss ways they could green the program. Steve MacAusland mentioned that the group had spent a half an hour discussing schools, which just goes to show how important they are to sustainability. He suggested a Task Force on Education and offered to be a part of it. He thought June Doe could be of help with this.

Transportation – Jonathan Briggs stated that traffic studies have already been conducted throughout the Town so he did not think that that goal needed to remain on the list. V. LeClair notified the Committee of the MAPC grants for complete streets. S. MacAusland talked about applying for a grant for a battery powered trolley that would replace the antiquated JBL Bus Line. He also mentioned Boston's bike sharing program.

R. Poole discussed the need for pedestrian improvements through crosswalks at Pine/Ames and Bridge Street. He said he has talked with Mass Hwy and will follow up with them again. Joanna Hamblin said that Rt. 1 is in need of an improved crosswalk. V. LeClair suggested talking with Engineering and Planning Department. J. Hamblin thought Rep. McMurtry and the DSC group would need to be involved down the road.

Alternative Energy – S. MacAusland suggested looking into hydro for the Mother Brook Centennial Dam. V. LeClair said she would provide him with the contact at DCR.

Geothermal Heat Pump was added to the list of alternative energy. The Brownfield to Brightfield idea includes the Landfill and the Readville Yard site. S. MacAusland mentioned that the MBTA Readville Yard is half in Boston and half in Dedham. He would like to speak with them about creating a solar field.

Communications – Change to the goals from monthly column to quarterly column in local paper. The Dedham “Green Pages” was decided to be put in the column of future projects. D. Harrison brought up that World Food Day is October 16<sup>th</sup>. She would like to see residents and the Committee get involved. The Committee will continue to reach out to other groups through their “world tour” to bring our work to the community.

### **Sustainable Dedham TV Discussion**

S. MacAusland reviewed with the Committee his idea to create a program on Dedham Cable that would be called Green Dedham TV. The Committee agreed that they liked that name. The program would highlight the 12 biggest environmental challenges. J. Hamblin has offered to do a show on food and reviewed the topics she would discuss. J. Briggs has agreed to do a show on the BioBlitz and D. Harrison one on education. The group brainstormed about the 12 biggest environmental challenges.

### **Logo and Marketing Discussion**

D. Harrison’s daughter is a graphic artist and has offered to help the Committee with the design of a logo. She sent around an email with her fee and a schedule, as well as examples of her past work. The Committee discussed paying her a sum of \$250.00 and a motion was made to appropriate \$250.00 towards the design of a logo. S. MacAusland second that motion. 3 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain.

J. Hamblin after discussion made a motion to look at 2 designers, one being Caroline Harrison and the other Kerry Hawkins. The designers would submit their designs to V. LeClair by next Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> before 5:00. J. Briggs second. All in favor. The Committee agreed that if only one designer submitted work they would go with that designer to expedite the process.

### **Planet Dedham Articles**

J. Hamblin has wrote several of the Planet Dedham Articles and will draft the next one and send to the press after V. LeClair and J. Briggs reviews them.

### **Community/Member Update**

J. Hamblin asked that a discussion about a blower ordinance be added to the next agenda. Cambridge has a model bylaw enforceable by the Police for noise and air pollution from blowers.

J. Briggs mentioned the 375 BBQ and how we could green that event through recycling. V. LeClair will work with the DPW and Russell Disposal on that effort.

Next meeting dates were set and the Committee agreed to meet the second Monday of every month.

September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12

The September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at 6:30 with a social networking presentation from Joanna Hamblin.

A motion was made by Russ Pool to accept the minutes of 7.11.2011. All in favor.

### **Adjourn**