



## **Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting May 9, 2018**

**Present:** John Gorham, Emily Walton, Clarissa Robyn, Matt Simonson, Deb Harrison, Leigh Hafrey and Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator

**Guests:** Georganna Woods, Gina Bird, Ali Aas

D. Harrison opened the meeting. L. Hafrey second. All in favor.

### **Approval of Minutes**

No minutes to approve

### **Discussion with Dedham Cycle Club**

Georganna Woods, Gina Bird and Ali Aas presented from the Dedham Cycle Club (DCC) about the new group and its mission to create a healthy community. They had their kickoff ride this past Sunday with all ages and it went very well. They are at the point right now of gauging community interest, but have had success working with the DPW and Liveable Dedham to install a bike rack at the Endicott Train Station. L. Hafrey asked if there were bike racks at the Dolan Center. The group was going to check. He also wondered if they had partnered with Dedham Bike. G. Woods responded that they have and are working on projects together.

J. Gorham made the observation that if we made our roads more friendly to cyclists we would decrease our carbon emissions from having more people ride their bikes than drive their cars. He acknowledged that this is part of the Committee's overall goal and that he would like the Committee to partner with DCC.

G. Woods added that a goal of the DCC is to make Dedham more bike friendly with the addition of bike lanes that run through the Square and other places.

DCC will have a presence at the Flag Day Parade and Dedham Trails Day

### **Review of Recycle Day, Earth Day, Arbor Day Events**

#### Recycle Day

J. Gorham commented that this was the best recycle day yet. The Rotary made over \$1,000 after they paid the recycler. He commented that next time we need a cell phone for Pro-shred, he provided us with his office number.

V. LeClair will set a calendar reminder for January to call vendors for Earth Day event booking.

### Arbor Day

Unfortunately, this year Arbor Day was not well attended and this may have been because of the topic – Emerald Ash Borer or the location (Town Hall). The past event at the Endicott Estate where free seedlings were dispersed and the topic was more general about tree care was well attended. The Committee will look to book this location in advance next year.

### **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant**

V. LeClair presented to the Committee the opportunity for the Town to apply for a MVP grant to help assess the Town's vulnerability and strengths and to identify priority actions to build resilience as the climate changes.

L. Hafrey moved to accept the letter. E. Walton second. All in favor. The Committee was in support of this grant application and the chair J. Gorham signed a letter indicating support.

### **Goals Review**

J. Gorham requested to see targets and timelines so that the goals are more specific and we can hold ourselves accountable.

They asked where the Emerald Bracelet project stood. V. LeClair said she would reach out to Rep. McMurtry to find out. If it's moving ahead she will invite him to a meeting to discuss.

L. Hafrey wondered about the sustainable initiatives at Legacy Place. V. LeClair will set up a meeting with Beth Winbourne, Director of Marketing to review.

The Committee also discussed having the new Planner, Jarret Katz attend a Committee meeting. V. LeClair will set this up. She will also set up a meeting with L. Hafrey, Ken Cimeno and J. Katz to review the Environmental Checklist.

For recycling the Committee would like to see the recycling bins restored to Dedham Square and consistent coverage at all of the parks. Chuck Kabat was appointed as the liaison to work with DPW on this issue.

### **Old/New Business**

- J. Gorham will be sworn in for the TAC in L. Hafrey's absence. L. Hafrey will resume his appointment in late July.
- Babson, Olin and Wellesley project. L. Hafrey reported to the Committee that the presentation had some major flaws. V. LeClair will draft an email to the professor outlining those issues.

D. Harrison made a motion to adjourn. L. Hafrey second. All in favor.