

Sustainability Committee Meeting – 4/18/2019

Members in attendance: Scott Orzenchowski, Chair, City Councilor Ed Levasseur, Devon Stanley, Doug Watson, and Sarah

6:05 – Start

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2019

Ed Levasseur moved and Doug Watson seconded the motion to accept the minutes. Motion was approved.

2. Idle Reduction Proposal:

Ed presented an update on anti-idling rules. There is a question as to whether anti-idling is an enforceable, or fineable offense. Once that question is answered the proposal can be sent to the Government Operations Committee.

3. Energy Star Portfolio Manager:

Everyone has set up an account, but not everybody has accepted Scott's invitation to his "property."

All members need to log on and start filling in information for: City Hall, Fire Department, Library, Police Station, Public Works, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Scott has a few spreadsheets of data, but it may be useful to find a tutorial so that the data can be inputted in the most efficient manner.

4. Items for the Newsletter:

Hazardous Waste Day and Spirit Up Somersworth are both on May 4th

5. Climate Change Speaker Series:

Scott reached out to NHPR and had success finding speakers. For our first speaker we will have Annie Ropeik and our second speaker will be Lisa Wise. We will need to sit down with the speaker to decide what the topic of conversation will be.

Possible Dates: June 13th and June 20th. 7-9pm. Idlehurst Elementary School.

Other ideas were thrown out for future nights such as:

- Water and the Dams of Somersworth
- Climate Change's effects of Wildlife
- Urban Forester AJ Duperre from NH DRED
- Toni Lynn Morelli
- Having a designated listener such as Liza Coco, Assistant Principal of Idlehurst

6. New Business:

“Preserve Somersworth” is a new committee charged with making a 1- year plan to incorporate sustainable practices in Somersworth. Scott and Devon are already on the committee, and Ed volunteered. Scott will ask Wendy Berklee and someone from the Planning Board to join. Sarah will reach out to someone from the Chamber of Commerce.

There is an attempt to make the Food Truck Festival more sustainable and collaborating with Mr. Fox.

7. Takeaway Actions:

- Sara will reach out to Idlehurst about the dates for our Speaker series.
- All members will look into data entry for the Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Doug Watson moved and Ed Levasseur seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended at 7:51.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 16th 6pm at City Hall.

Submitted and Prepared by:

Devon Stanley