

**Pending Commission Approval**

**Sustainable Futures Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**7:00 PM to 8:45 PM**

**Town Hall, Lyons**

**Next Meeting: on December 8th, at town hall, at 7pm**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
<b>Toby Russell</b>	<b>Town Sustainability Coordinator</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Ken Singer</b>		<b>Y</b>
<b>Coco Gordon</b>		<b>N</b>
<b>Dave Hatchimonji</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Dawn Weller</b>		<b>Y</b>
<b>David Decoster</b>		<b>Y</b>
<b>Jeff Christy</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Kathy Carol</b>		<b>N</b>
<b>Dan Greenberg</b>	<b>BOT Liaison</b>	<b>N</b>

**Voting quorum this meeting: yes**

- 1) Review and approve minutes from 10/13 meeting

**Motion to Approve by Dave, seconded by Ken, approved unanimously**

2) Sub-committee and Commission/Board Liaison updates (*req to move to end of meeting*)

a. Board liaisons -

UEB - Coco - board has been meeting with Epsim about the electric rate study that they are doing for the town. Their scope covers a wide spectrum of past data and live data for the town to continue filling into the Epsim models, into the future.

The wastewater treatment plant is having issues with large dumps of BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) that are being emitted by local breweries that are in excess of our agreements and can't be handled without cost and time. Pre-treatment at the Breweries is being considered by the UEB. Regulation and Charges by the town for this excess BOD is being considered. There is a possible opportunity here to get a Bokashi fermentation composting program designed to handle excess BOD liquids before they exit to the WWTP. FOG (Fats Oil and Grease) is being handled by the town at the level of proper grease traps and compliance.

EDC - Jay Malito is resigning as chair at the end of the year.

Town staff - Jackie and Rusty will be leaving the staff.

b. Solid Waste Working Group - Toby - Solid waste group looking at what we have achieved w.r.t. The LESAP solid waste goals, and what still remains to be done. Working on a presentation to the board. Kathy - We need to circle back around with Dan G to talk about the timing of the presentation. We need some good data - need to survey users about their recycling. In general, people are interested in doing the right thing if it does not cost money.

We may need someone besides Kathy and Dan to work on the curbside recycling, as they may be perceived as having a conflict of interest. David Decoster volunteered to help out here.

It's possible that we might not be able to site the new recycling center near the wastewater treatment plant where we had hoped (it's in the floodway based on the new map). This will play into the curbside recycling discussion.

The new Green Star program might be able to help out with a survey. We could communicate to them about this situation and see what they could do. **Dawn will reach out to Randy Moorman around this.**

Yard waste event - could we do this in the fall next year?

3) Updates from the Sustainability Coordinator- Toby

a. 11/7 Budget Presentation - Budget items include Spring Cleanup, the Eco-Pass, the Sustainability Coordinator position, and the Green Star community program. We have been asked to look into how we can pay for the Eco-Pass without using the town's general fund.

b. Procedurally, Toby will send out a briefing document about a week before the meeting with his updates, so that they can be reviewed before the meeting.

4) Current Business

a. Eco-Pass - Toby - How to fund it? - some ideas:

	2017	2018	2019	
BC Share	\$18K	\$15K	\$0K	
ToL Share	\$15K	\$18K	\$33K	
I - Property Tax			\$33K [\$35/household]	? Needs to go to vote in 2018
II - Marijuana Tax		\$20-33K	\$20-33K	? Approval process (Dan G - the board has some ability to adjust this tax)
III - Charge New Cardholders	\$4K [80 @ \$50] \$2K [80 @ \$25]	\$4K \$2K	\$4K \$2K	? Assume current year's application #s
IV - Charge All Cardholders	\$15K [300 @ \$50] \$10K [400 @ \$25]	\$15K \$10K	\$15K \$10K	? Assumes 2/3 reduction in users. We might have another option for lower income riders.

V - Utility Charge (legal?)				(Dan G - A tax would not be legal without a vote. I don't know the support a fee would have on the Board.)
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Dave - could any of the sales tax from gasoline be used for this purpose?

Dave - could a fee be assessed on the utility bill on a voluntary basis?

Dan G - what is the pathway that gets us to 2019, and makes it sustainable?

Group consensus is that options 2 and 4 are the most viable, and we could do a combination of both.

Kathy - why not use the email addresses we have to survey the riders? Dawn - We have had a poor response rate in the past.

Dave - if we deactivated all of the cards, and then asked people to re-apply, we would know who has interest.

Dan G - Would like the SFC to present a plan that projects how much revenue we could make from having people pay for their passes, and how the marijuana tax could help, for budgeting.

**Motion by Jeff to create a plan to present to the BOT that lays out how we would like to pay for this. Seconded by Dave, approved unanimously.**

5) New Business

a. Restructuring of SFC Agendas and Notification - Dave - proposal to plan the agenda for the next meeting at the current meeting, and then have the secretary send it out as a reminder before the next meeting. Consensus that we should (and will) try this.

b. Ken - Waste receptacles on main need better signage.

6) Confirm next meeting date and time (12/8)

Next meeting on December 8th, at town hall, at 7:00

- 7) Next Meeting Agenda items
  - 1) Bi-monthly or quarterly budget planning.
    - a) Talk about 2018 budget, with a priority being ensuring that we maintain the sustainability coordinator position.
  - 2) Sustainability plan updates done on a quarterly basis.

**Motion to adjourn by Ken, seconded by Jeff, approved unanimously.**