

Sustainable Futures Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Depot Annex, Lyons

Member Attendees: Dave Hatchimonji, Ken Singer, Dawn Weller, David Decoster, Julie Boyle, Dan Matsch

BOT Liaison: Mark Browning

Lyons Volunteers Liaison: Rick DiSalvo

SFC Coordinator: Garrett McDaniel

Guests: Glen and Charlotte Kikel

1. Approved minutes from July SFC meeting; motion to approve by J. Boyle, seconded by K. Singer; approved unanimously.
2. SFC heard Kikels' concerns re: EMF emissions from new smart meters. They recommend at least changing building code to prohibit meters on bedroom walls. SFC determined this is a larger issue, and much more broad-based information is required in order to make any recommendations to BOT. **SFC can forward their concern to BOT.**
3. Sustainability Coordinator update – Garrett:
 - LESAP not ready for final SFC vote. GM getting input from other boards/commissions, proposes SFC work session before next meeting and final vote at Sept. meeting. Probable timeline for BOT consideration: workshop 10/21/19.
 - PAYT proposal:
 - Pre-bid meeting today: Western and One Way attended. Elephant in room is high tipping fees for recycling (haulers don't want to pay). DM said town will determine per household recycling costs and determine a charge for it in billing system. Discussed possibly subsidizing cost w/sustainability grant funding. Also, Western will not allow One Way to dump compost at their transfer station (concerned re: EAB material). If One Way proposal accepted, could mean only “soft” compostables could be accepted. DM will ask if compost can go to McDonald Farms, alternatively.
 - Answers to above concerns due to haulers by 8/23/19 (GM).
 - Hauler proposals due 9/13/19. SFC presentation to BOT 10/7/19: discuss bids, ask for direction re: contract negotiations.
 - Lots of erroneous, negative comments re: PAYT online: GM will distribute background material to dispel erroneous info.
 - Bear-proof containers: discussion re: probable need for them in PAYT scenario, residents need to know they will be required and should NOT purchase until PAYT plays out, perhaps town can subsidize cost for low-income residents

(sustainability grant?).

4. New Business:

- SFC budget planning:
 - 9/13/19 deadline, based on last year's budget. Eco Pass: \$12 K subsidized by BOT past year; cost will rise; GM will send SFC data re: potential increased costs, and ridership. D/C grant funding for sustainability coordinator: BOT to absorb? ?Fund cleanup days?
- Sustainability grant: \$15 K, due 9/25/19. Purpose is new projects. This year funded seasonal organic waste collection, recycling center security camera, Bohn P. compost bin, GM salary. **Send 2020 ideas to GM. Possibilities: greywater research, PAYT recycling fee or bear-proof containers subsidy, promoting safe transport W. to E. corridor, pilot program for scrap metal/styrofoam collection (see below)...**

5. Sub-committee and Commission/Board Liaison updates:

- Lyons Volunteers : completed 13th scrap metal/styrofoam pickup; demand definitely exists.
- BOT liaison update: centrifuge at wastewater treatment plant broke, \$30-\$40 K to replace, negotiations with Honeywell ongoing. New cell tower on Indian Lookout Rd. approved by BOT.

6. Next Meeting Agenda items: Budget planning!

7. Confirm next meeting date and time (Thursday, 9/12/19, Town Hall).