

## **Sustainable Futures Commission**

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

6:30 PM to 8:15 PM

Remote via Zoom

**SFC members:** Dan Matsch, Dave Hatchimonji, David Decoster, Jeff Christy

BOT Liaison: Mayor Nick Angelo

Town: Kim Mitchell

**SFC minutes** for 7/14/2021 approved by SFC

### **Updates from the BOT**

#### **Net metering**

- BOT vote approved change in buy back rate from retail to wholesale.
- Mayor Angelo dissented on that vote.

#### **Proposed Lyons Solar Garden location – Dog Park**

- Dog Park site makes the most sense, as it is zoned municipal so no vote, covenant amendments, or county approval is required.
- One acre would be sited in the middle of the park so as to not to interfere with the current path around the interior of the park.
- Site would be fenced and have it's own entrance gate, and could expand to 2 acres as needed.

#### **Proposed Level 3 charging station**

- This is something we are going to need to provide as a town.
- Looking at Bohn park as a potential site.

#### **Electric fences**

- Prohibited by town ordinance, as noted in previous minutes.
- No real citizen push to change this.
- We could grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis rather than changing the ordinance.
- Exception process could be executed by the BOT or just by the town administrator.

#### **Grey Water**

- Municipalities may establish their own policy on grey water usage.

### **New Business**

#### **U.N. Council on Climate Report – What can we do?**

##### **CEMEX Citizen Advisory Board**

- Meeting with CEMEX is scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd, at 3:30 pm.
- We can talk about the plant's carbon footprint - factual information and what the carbon remediation strategy is.
- Recent press release: <https://www.cemex.com/-/cemex-awarded-grant-from-u-s->

[department-of-energy-to-develop-pioneering-carbon-capture-technology](#)

**Town support of Sustainability**

- What kind of resources can the town offer us to do our work?
- Mayor Angelo asks that we get together the specific numbers for what we need by the next meeting.

**SFC will sponsor 2 events in the area of education and outreach:**

**Kiss the Ground movie**

- Dan M will work with Betsy to schedule viewing at the Farmette in October on a weekend afternoon.

**Soliciting Community Input**

- SFC will hold a community event to solicit ideas on how we as the SFC and the Town of Lyons can address the climate crisis.
- We will try to do this event at the library, and also in October.
- Need more thinking on how to get the word out - more than an E-blast? Get the high school students involved.

Next SFC meeting Wednesday Sep. 8th or Thursday Sep. 9th - 6:30, location TBD