



BOARD/COMMITTEE: Sustainability Committee

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2021

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Video conference

Members Present: Francie Nolde, Chair; Palmer Moore, Member; Chris DeLise, Member; Richard Garrison, Member; Suresh Jasrasaria, Member;

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: John Markiewicz, Select Board liaison; Marjorie Kamp, private citizen; Johanna Chu, private citizen; Mark Barbadoro, Planning Board Chair; Rebecca Verner, Planning Board Member

- 1) Roll call: Salzman, here; DeLise, here; Moore, here; Nolde, here
- 2) 2040 Carbon Reduction Book Club: Ms. Kamp provided an overview of the Carbon Reduction for Earth Wellbeing (CREW) project, focused on limiting temperature rise, greenhouse gas emissions; 5 week program, 1.5 hours per week; encouraging alternative personal practices; Sargent Memorial Library and members of the Committee have been very supportive thus far; Library is currently in charge of promotion; first sessions will likely start in September 2021;

(Garrison, Jasrasaria join meeting)

- 3) Solar bylaw initiative: Barbadoro shared that Planning Board will be working to bring the solar bylaw back to Town Meeting and looking for Committee's input in that process, specifically metrics and details; contemplating solar overlay district for large scale projects; asked if the Committee be willing to put together a working group to discuss the aspects of the bylaw that would be important to build support; Verner expressed preference to work from a baseline of the existing draft bylaw versus pulling piecemeal language from other sources; Salzman asked about the focus on large-scale versus the full range of project sizes; Barbadoro suggested tackling each size category separately, bringing forward separate bylaw amendments for each to see which the Town supports/does not support; Ms. Chu asked if a solar consultant could help review the proposed language to make sure it is workable; **Action Item(s): DeLise to coordinate working group comprised of not more than 3 Committee members, others;**

- 4) Fifer's Day/Harvest Fair: Chu asked if the Committee would be willing to present and discuss drinking water issues in Town at this event; Garrison proposed inviting someone from the Water Resources Committee (WRC) to join our table; Garrison confirmed he has been working with the Boxborough Minutemen Company on recycling/waste handling for the event; ***Action Item(s): Nolde to ask Kamp about attending to present the CREW project; Garrison to ask WRC representative about attending; Jasrasaria to provide posters of climate change survey results as well as excerpts from Sustainability Policy; DeLise to determine if there is material to present on MassEnergize;***
- 5) MassEnergize: Members discussed ways to publicize MassEnergize and build interest in driving activity toward the site; ***Action Item(s): DeLise to ask Karen [?] if she would attend next Committee meeting;***
- 6) Virtual meetings: Members agreed to continue virtual meetings for the time being;
- 7) Green Communities legislation: Nolde summarized proposed legislation, noted that Senator Mike Barrett, Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE) Committee Co-Chair, is overseeing the process at this point

List of Exhibits used, if any:

2040 Book Club Carbon CREW Summary