Town of North Beach

Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2021

7 PM via Zoom

Attendees: Jane Hagen, Stacy Milor, Guy Stone, Allan Creamer, Lisa Garrett, Jeff Noyes

Agenda and discussion: This meeting focused mainly on the Sustainable MD program application

Environmental Award Program

* Jane asked Guy to come up with an environmental award program as discussed at the last EC meeting with a checklist and a points system. This would be only for the businesses as Lisa already has similar programs for the residents.
* Jeff suggested that there are so many municipalities already doing programs like this, many of them larger than NB, that we might be able to just tailor an existing program to fit NB. Jane said she would research existing programs through her MML contacts and at an upcoming conference as well.

Sustainable MD Updates

* Lisa was seeking dates for some activities for the town webpage, and got most of them figured out with Stacy and Dawn’s help. Lisa will share related lists with the team.
* The green purchasing policy needs to be updated.
* We still need the SM Green Team action plan on the website, as well as a resolution for why NB has a Green Team. There is a template for this on the SM website. Stacy volunteered to take care of the resolution and get it on the agenda.
* Lisa suggested membership of the Green Team should be the Environmental, Tree, and Stormwater Management Committees, as well as the NB House & Garden Club.
* Of the two carbon footprint reports (community and municipal), NB has to do the municipal. Allan said he has updated the municipal footprint spreadsheet, but there are still significant holes in data that will prevent the report from being complete. He will make a list of what he still needs. He asked Stacy to facilitate getting him online access to the BGE accounts to speed the data access.
* Reviewers asked 12 questions that Lisa needs help in answering, and because the current SM website is fragmented and being replaced, the information/questions are difficult to share. Lisa ran down the list of categories of questions and Stacy provided points of contact
  + Buy local campaign – Stacy/Dawn/Jane
  + Farmers market – what is new, now that it has changed
  + Water conservation plan – Stacy/Joanne
  + Stormwater management plan – Lauren
  + Planning and land preservation – Rick
  + Conduct easement outreach – Rick?
  + Energy footprints and audits – Allan
* Lisa showed the NB application (by screen sharing). She indicated areas we needed to take action:
  + SM training for the Green Team in the Fall
  + Revise Green Team Action Plan
  + Revise Green Team membership list and resolution
  + Hold a Green Fair – Earth Day should count for that
  + Community Based Food Systems/CSA – unplanned, requirements are difficult to meet – food pantry doesn’t appear to qualify
  + Update Farmers Market promotion
  + Spring transplant sale – done, with NBHGC
  + Gardens at Boys & Girls club – will count as community garden w/writeup from Elizabeth Lawton
  + Wind energy project – unplanned
  + Need to update solar energy project w/latest activities/new stuff
  + Move Green Roof from innovative energy project to climate change
  + Get data on electric charging station usage – how is it used and by whom? Allan said it might be visible through BGE data. Lisa has the information already – from Joanne
  + Carbon footprint – potential exists for SM to do the work, if provided with correct information – need to determine what that is
  + Local economies – need statement about green biz certification program
  + Planting a tree in town – John Scott not ready to plant, not clear where a tree will be planted
  + Due 30 June. Lisa would like to have follow-up meeting in two weeks (minutes added at the end of these minutes)
* Stacy gave an updated on the grant she received for the butt-huts. Equipment ordered but not yet placed. Eventually, they can be recycled into a park bench

Meeting adjourned

Follow-up meeting (June 15th) minutes below

The next Environmental Committee meeting will be September 7, 2021

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Sustainable Maryland Follow-up

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7 PM via Zoom

Attendees: Jane Hagen, Stacy Milor, Lisa Garrett, Jeff Noyes

Agenda and discussion: This meeting focused mainly on the nearly due Sustainable MD application

Sustainable MD Updates

* Elizabeth Lawton will provide a paragraph and pics to Lisa to document the community garden.
* Green purchasing policy – approx. 7 items listed, but documentation still required to show town actually follows the policy. Lisa will provide the list to Stacy/Joanne to get documentation.
* Watershed plan -the work being done on the stormwater management plan is the precursor to this. Still need a paragraph from Lauren on this
* Green biz recognition – planned – this is what Guy is working on
* Water conservation program – Dawn did flyers – Stacy will send the actual plan
* Stormwater fee structure – town has fee in lieu of – Rick is POC
* Planning & land use – comprehensive plan – planning to update for 10yr review
* Conduct easement/land trust outreach – not a good fit for NB to do
* Land use – library – need paragraph. Stacy will reach out to Carrie Wilson
* Energy – still need to hire someone to do energy audit for one of the NB municipal buildings (as was done with the Sally Donaldson Welcome Center). It is possible Public Works was done. Lisa will email Donnie/Stacy/Joanne. In general, need to show ongoing energy audits.
* BGE conversion to LED light – Stacy will reach out to Donnie to get documentation on the program behind the changeover
* Health & Wellness programs – such as walkable communities (a national program). Grants available for this – Stacy looking into it but in early stages.
* SM is still looking for more info on the electric vehicle charging station. Stacy will try to log in and get more usage data directly.
* Lisa will get an update from Guy on the Green Business recognition program.
* Educational signage for Walton Beach needs to be revisited. Stacy will share a Powerpoint with Lisa for documenting for SM.

Meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be September 7, 2021