

Environment & Energy Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:00pm

Attendees:

1. Deb Chisholm- Waterways Manager
2. Jim Pyle- Resident Member
3. Doria Brown- Worthen Industries Sustainability Coordinator, Chairwoman
4. Gary Lambert- Resident Member
5. Shoshanna Kelly- Alderwoman-at-Large

Members of the public in attendance:

Nashua North students: Colin and Brendan McMahon

Doria called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Items Discussed:

1. Adoption of 4/18/19 meeting minutes
Deferred- no quorum

2. Welcome to Charlotte Harris, Congresswoman Kuster's outreach coordinator on environmental and energy issues

She handles Agriculture, Energy, Environment for the Congresswoman. Feel free to contact her. The Congresswoman is stepping up efforts regarding energy because she was put on the Energy Commerce committee in DC. She is also on these committees: Energy, Health, Oversight

Colin and Brendan explained they started Electrify Nashua and aim to add more electric vehicle charging stations locally.

Doria expressed concerns about pricing for LEDs and lightbulb deregulations.

3. Subcommittee Updates

a. Composting

Shoshanna has a goal of curbside composting. She is considering options that won't greatly affect infrastructure.

Doria reported on a visit she made to EL Harvey recycling plant. She suggested the committee could make a trip there one Saturday if interested. It was an eye-opening experience which she expounded upon.

Deb suggested a composting area at the landfill as a first step to moving towards municipal composting.

b. Electric Vehicles

Shoshanna mentioned the electrify Nashua project to the Mayor and he is excited about it.

Colin and Brendan McMahon provided two documents for committee review. Committee members gave feedback and discussed the content.

c. Paper Reduction

Deb brainstormed with Justin and sent an email to Dan from IT. They concluded to do two things:

- educate regarding how much paper is used
- change the payroll system to be opt- out rather than opt-in for paper payroll stubs.

d. Single-use Plastic Reduction

Doria would like to provide Nashua businesses the opportunity to be recognized as a company that’s reducing the use of single-use bags. Ideas: certificate/ Mayor visit/ committee member visit

e. Emissions and renewables

Arden was not in attendance to give an update.

Charlotte Harris noted there is a program: Ready for 100- supported by the Sierra Club- a commitment to remain in the Paris accords.

4. Review Committee Goals and Recommendations

The Aldermen have approved the goals and the committee members reviewed what progress has been made. Deb reported the Mayor is planning to hire an Energy Manager.

The committee discussed Clean Energy NH and that this committee is a member.

The committee discussed the software Portfolio Manager and noted that Colin will be the Community Development Intern this summer and will probably be entering data.

Deb reported the DPW is committed to providing bike lanes where possible.

Deb reported they are working on municipal solar installations. Nothing specific has been decided yet.

5. DPW Day – June 1st

Also-Summer fun kick-off for Parks and Rec

The idea for groups with tables is to have something fun for kids. Having a cornhole set was considered.

Colin and Brendan McMahon can be there to discuss EV. Perhaps Shoshanna can be there to promote composting. Deb will send all committee members an invite so they are aware they can participate.

6. Other Business

It was announced that two student seats on the committee have been approved. Interested parties will have to go through an interview process and be appointed by the Mayor.

7. Review of Next Steps

No.	Next Step/Question	Who	By When	Comments
	Write paragraph for new grant for rain barrels and compost bins	Doria	Feb meeting	DONE??
	trail dates at mines falls. Collaborate for an event		April 21 May 19 June 23 Aug 18 Sept 22 Oct 20 Nov 5	Post/ advertise
	Write paper reduction campaign	Deb		Get suggestions from Dan

	Add Bob to committee	Deb- in process		
	Discuss budget for 2020 Solarize campaign			
	Write info about public renewable-sourced utilities Post to website	Doria Sarah		
	Populate portfolio manager and enter greenhouse gas	Colin: July, Aug	monthly	Energy manager position will take this over if position is filled. Also a summer intern can do in meantime

8. Upcoming Events

- d. June 22 – Mine Falls Park Cleanup – 8:45am. Lincoln Park entrance
- e. Sept 14 – 22 – National Drive Electric Week (NH events are in the works)

Next Meeting Date and time: June 20, 2019 6pm-8pm

Gary moved to adjourn at 7:17pm. Deb seconded. All in favor

Submitted by Jessica Marchant