

**Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Sept. 21, 2022  
Minutes**

**Meeting convened 6:30 pm**

Members present: Nancy, Herb, Donna, Jan, Brenda

Members absent: Lauren, Jeremy

Minutes of last month's meeting were approved.

**Community Clean Up** - September 24 update/ All is ready for this event 9-1 pm. We have gloves, bags, sign up sheet. Nancy will get fruit from Hannafords to give out.

**Eco clubs** - Jeremy reported to Nancy that he has made contacts with middle and high school teachers and students to begin setting up Eco Clubs in the schools.

**Can Recycling Update** - We are getting \$115 per bale of aluminum cans. So far there have been three bales made and sold.

**Restaurant Plastic Use Webinar** - Discussion on plastics webinar which looked at building relationships with small (not chain) restaurants about reducing or eliminating single use plastic. The webinar showed that there is an economic benefit for restaurants to do this. We should at least talk to some of the restaurants in Bristol to find out what they are thinking. Herb will talk to Homestead and Gina's. Nancy and Brenda will talk to some other restaurants.

More on this topic at our next meeting. Donna raised the idea of launching a campaign in Bristol to encourage re-usable bags when shopping.

**Budget** - Jan gave a budget report on income from summer raffles (\$202) and expenses so far (\$52) for materials, handouts, and gloves. We also received reimbursement from the town for spring signs we made for the transfer station and our spring fair (\$407.50) Nancy will raise with the select board the idea of us having a budget - \$300?

**Library Books** - Give the library suggestions for books to purchase on sustainability. Also - old books can be recycled at the transfer station.

**Name** - We will keep our name; Sustainability Committee. Some discussion as to what it represents.

**Homeless Families** - Nancy reported there are 9 homeless families with children in the Bristol school system this fall. Discussion on how who in Bristol can help and what we could do.

**General** - Discussion on legislation in NH that we should be aware of concerning recycling of plastics - "Advanced Recycling " and how we can inform Bristol residents of future legislative issues. Jan will compile a list of our local elected representatives and how to reach them. We will need to wait for November election results.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:39**

**Next meeting set for October 26 at 6:30 pm at town offices.**