

BRISTOL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Minot Sleeper Library 6:30 pm

Present: Nancy, Brenda, Herb, Janet. Absent: Jeremy
Committee approved minutes of May meeting

1. Cardboard Recycling: Transfer station is storing cardboard bundles but has not shipped recently. Mark asked Herb for help making certain the cardboard is recycled properly as they are short on staff. Herb has agreed to do this as a volunteer citizen. The committee does not feel it is our job as it is staff responsibility at the transfer station. There seems to be some negative ideas among staff about the cardboard recycling. We will attempt to set up a meeting with Mark to discuss other ways the committee can help. We will also gather data on how much recycling we have done in the past year and cost savings for the town. Jan will call NRRA for data.
2. HHW - August 5, 8-noon. Site has been set for NRHS. There will be a site visit which we will attend on June 21st and also a HHW meeting at LRPC (Lakes Region Planning Commission evening of June 21st - Jan will attend along with Tom Keegan.
3. Skip the Stuff - everyone reported on restaurant visits to encourage using less plastic for take out items. Most restaurants were interested and many were asking customers what they needed. Only a few are using cardboard, paper rather than styrofoam products: Very Excellent and Purple Pit seem to be doing the most. All restaurants mentioned the prohibitive cost of compostables but most were willing to take a poster asking customers to request items if they need them - Skip the Stuff.
Brenda will write up a brief article on our visits for "The Buzz"

and Nancy will contact Newfound Lake life to see if they are interested in doing an article.

4. Community Night Out - June 29, 5:30 - 8 :30 sponsored by Bristol Events Committee at Kelly Park. We will have a table and focus

on water - re-usable bottles rather than buying plastic. We will raffle off three bottles on the hour 6, 7, 8 pm. Jan and Brenda will set up at 4:30 and run the table until 6:30. Nancy and Herb will be there from 6:30 - 8:30. Nancy working on signs to use, Jan wil make raffle tickets.

5. June 17 Network Summitt - Nancy reported on the summit that she attended which the Plastics group is part of. The event was well attended and had many tables with information on all things environment focusing on legislative action in New Hampshire and next steps.

6. Film Showing - MERRIMACK: RIVER AT RISK will be shown July 18 at Minot Sleeper Library at 6:30 pm. Jan is co-ordinating publicity. Brenda and Herb have already helped out by getting posters to the schools and NLRA. Library will produce a poster to put out around town and Jan will send information to news outlets and our email list. Bring Friends. Jan wil also contact Library Friends for treats at the showing,

7. NEXT MEETING SEPT. 12, AT MINOT SLEEPER LIBRARY 6:30 pm

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Janet Metcalf