



ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Town Hall Conference Room 201
January 14, 2025 – 6:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Chelsea Blount, Henry Fansler, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Kenneth Scales, and Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Jennifer Haydon and Robert Smitherman were absent.

Billy Carter attended as a guest.

- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chelsea Blount moved to amend and approve the agenda to include a presentation from Ken Scales. Motion was seconded by Gretchen Roberts and approved unanimously.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Hudgens requested the November 12, 2024 be emended to reflect consideration of bluebird houses at Earth Day, not committed to set up. Barbara Hudgens moved to approve the amended November 12, 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded by Ken Scales and approved unanimously.

IV. **Old Business**

a. Earth Day

1. Date & Location – Due to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Shallowford Square on April 12, the committee was given the option of selecting a new Earth Day event date or retain the date and move the event to Jack Warren Park. After a great deal of discussion on the pros and cons of each option, Chelsea Blount moved to retain the April 12 date and relocate to Jack Warren Park. It was noted the location change would be best in retaining vendors. Barbara Hudgens seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. The location change will be advertised through the Town and the committee will communicate location change with vendors.
2. Gear Swap – Ms. Blount reported no businesses nor organizations in the area able to assist with a swap event at this time. This topic will be discussed later as a separate event from Earth Day.
3. Children's Activities
 - i. Ms. Blount will secure someone to man the Enviroscape table.

- b. Proposed initiatives to meet energy goals in Resolution 2023-051 – Mr. Scales shared about an organization who can provide a report using solar to reduce energy usage for a cost assessment. Mr. Hanna shared Council will be discussing energy goals at their retreat early February.

V. **New Business**

- a. Rewilding – Ms. Haydon shared information regarding *No Mow May*. Discussion was held on the Town's code enforcement policy as well as homeowner association rules. Small ways such as leaving a small area for wildflowers and native pollinators could be encouraged.
- b. May/June newsletter article topics – Topics discussed include: No/Slow Mow May and energy saving tips.



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VI. Staff Reports

- a. Mr. Hanna discussed the recent snow removal event.
- b. A final walk through for the Jack Warren Park improvements is scheduled for January 15 and a ribbon cutting will be held in the spring.
- c. Contamination of the holiday cardboard recycling program was discussed. Ideas to prevent future issues were discussed and included shortening the collection timeframe, temporary fencing at collection site and use slotted cardboard containers.
- d. Mr. Hanna explained the Technology Policy that all committee members are required to sign.

VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. Next meeting: February 11, 2025 at Mary Alice Warren Community Center to walk through the Earth Day layout.
- b. Ms. Hudgens updated the committee on their Terracycle points and dollar amount in the account.

VIII. Adjournment – Having no further business to discuss, Ken Scales moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Roberts and motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Kay Smitherman, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk