

ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

6510 Shallowford Road – Council Chambers

August 9, 2022 – 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Chelsea Blount, Barbara Hudgens, Jonathan Linck, Melody Joyner, Emily Price and Gretchen Roberts. Robert Smitherman was absent. Marilyn Wells with Waste Management attended as a guest.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chelsea Blount moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Emily Price and motion approved unanimously.
- III. **Presentations** – Marilyn Wells, Waste Management, shared information related to recycling and how some raw materials are being transported in NC and reused. To reflect that Waste Management is more than a waste management company and due to their focus on sustainability, the company is now being referred to as WM. Ms. Wells stressed that cleaner material is easier to sell. Within Lewisville, 900 tons (appx. 20,000 pounds) of recycling is collected. The Town’s contamination rate is 8%. Anything less than 10% is good. The recycling is not as contaminated as other communities, which speaks well of the community and the committee’s efforts. Cardboard recycling has increased significantly in the last two years due to online ordering. The cost of recycling is more expensive than processing garbage and many times WM loses money recycling items, such as glass. Some discussion was held on the #5 recycling. Ms. Wells stated that if it had #5, recycle. Ms. Wells shared what typically contaminates recycling.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Jonathan Linck moved to approve the July 12, 2022 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Chelsea Blount and motion approved unanimously.
- V. **Membership**
 - a. Bryan Schroeder’s resignation was accepted by Council on July 14.
 - b. Henry Fasler’s request to serve on the committee will be considered by Council on August 11.
- VI. **Officer Elections**
 - a. Vice Chair – Ms. Hudgens nominated Gretchen Roberts to serve as vice chair. Melody Joyner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - a. Energy audit – Mr. Linck reported it may be fall before an energy audit proposal can be ready for Town consideration and the audit conducted shortly after the proposal is approved.
 - b. School outreach – The committee has reached out to the local schools about recycling.
 - c. Plan of Work – This has been submitted to the Town.
 - d. TerraCycle – Ms. Hudgens has requested to be able to collect ink pens, mechanical pencils, markers, and Sharpies but is currently on a waitlist.
- VIII. **New Business** - None
- IX. **Clerk Report**
 - a. Social Media Policy – A Social Media Policy was adopted by Town Council in May 2022. The policy pertains to elected and appointed officials. All board and committee members are requested to sign the policy. The policy is included with the August 8 agenda material.

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- b. Plan of Work – Plan of works need to incorporate items from the Council’s Comprehensive Plan priority list, included with the August 8 agenda material. Plan of Work is to be submitted to Town Clerk no later than September 30, if not already submitted.
- c. BAC Orientation Video – The BAC orientation video should be viewed by all committee members. The video can be found on the Town’s website.

X. For the Good of the Order

- a. Next regular scheduled meeting will be September 13, 2022.

XI. Adjournment – Having no further business to discuss, Barbara Hudgens moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Emily Price and approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Kay Smitherman, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk