

## ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

6510 Shallowford Road – Council Chambers

December 13, 2022 – 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Chelsea Blount, Henry Fansler, Jennifer Haydon, Barbara Hudgens, Jonathan Linck, and Gretchen Roberts. Melody Joyner, Emily Price, and Robert Smitherman were absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chelsea Blount moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Haydon and motion approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Barbara Hudgens moved to approve the November 8, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Haydon and motion approved unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. Energy audit – Mr. Linck is awaiting 12 months of energy bills of all town facilities to conduct the energy audit. Mr. Linck also suggested receiving monthly copies of the MAWCC energy bills to see how the solar panels are impacting the facility.
  - b. Energy initiative with schools – Nothing to report.
  - c. TerraCycle – Ms. Hudgens gave an update on some of the items she has shipped to Terracycle.
  - d. 2023 LED (Lewisville Earth Day)
    1. Budget – On December 5, Ms. Roberts shared with Council the committee’s proposal for a Lewisville Earth Day and Council was receptive of such. The Council budgeted \$1,000 for the event. A Councilmember suggested contacting Greenest, who collects used appliances and furniture to give to those in need. Ms. Roberts did contact Greenest and they will be a vendor.
    2. Bulbs – Mr. Linck inquired how the committee needs to purchase the bulbs. Ms. Smitherman will inquire of staff on how they wish to have these purchased.
    3. Vendors – Ms. Roberts shared the current vendor list. Committee members shared other potential vendors.
    4. Promotion – The committee will work with staff and others to begin promotion of the event.
    5. Yoga demonstration – Ms. Haydon and Ms. Roberts are instructors and will handle this segment.
    6. Food – Food options were discussed because Betty’s Biscuits is unable to participate. Environmentally-friendly food vendors are preferred.
- V. **New Business**
  - a. Leaf and limb study – Ms. Smitherman met with the Public Safety Committee regarding researching the feasibility of a leaf and limb program. Ms. Smitherman has contacted Winston-Salem, Lexington, and Clemmons to gather information. These municipalities have their own equipment which is expensive. It was noted that it could be contracted as well. It was further noted that the service would require a tax increase. Also, if service is provided burning is no longer permitted. The committee expressed concern that the vehicles would burn more carbon than the burning of leaves/limbs. The committee feels education on composting is a better option than providing a service and the committee will continue to evaluate all potential options.
- VI. **Clerk Report**
  - a. Cardboard recycling – The Public Works staff will monitor the cardboard recycling bin and will communicate with the contractor to have it emptied as needed.
  - b. 2023 LED (Earth Day) event – The gazebo is part of the reservation for the event at Shallowford Square.

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- c. Promotion of events – As mentioned last month, the Town can help promote the LED event in the newsletter, channel 6, etc.
- d. Waste Management contribution – The USBs were purchased during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. A project has not been designated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. There appears to be no parameters on what the funds can be used for; however, Waste Management must approve the project. ECSC is encouraged to share recommendations with staff on how to use the \$4,000.

**VII. For the Good of the Order**

- a. Holiday Open House – December 16, 4-8 PM, MAWCC
- b. Cardboard Recycling – December 21-30, 2022, Lewisville Elementary School
- c. Christmas Tree Recycling – January 9-10, 2023
- d. Next regularly scheduled meeting: **January 10, 2023**

**VIII. Adjournment** – Having no further business to discuss, Jennifer Haydon moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hudgens and motion approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Kay Smitherman, Chair

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Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk