ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Mary Alice Warren Community Center
August 11, 2026 – 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Kay Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Jennifer Haydon, Scott Herzog, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Kenneth Scales, Dixie Lee Thompson, Henry Fansler and Assistant Town Manager / Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Committee member Donita Hines was absent.

2. **Agenda Approval** – Chair Kay Smitherman requested an amendment to include Data Center Moratorium and Sabin Center for Environmental Studies under new business. Moved by Barbara Hudgens, seconded by Ken Scales to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Moved by Jennifer Haydon, seconded by Scott Herzog to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Old Business**
   a. Sustainable Action Proposal - Gretchen Roberts researched how Denver, Colorado put together their recycling ordinance for businesses within their municipality. She brought a few print outs from the Denver, Colorado website if anyone wanted to read further. The Committee discussed the idea briefly. If an ordinance is put into place in the future maybe it should be voluntary at first. More discussions to be had. No decisions at this time. Universal Recycling & Composting Ordinance - City and County of Denver
   b. Sustainability Report – Ms. Roberts discussed the idea of capturing sustainability actions that had been completed over the last several years into a report that could be shared with residents in the future. Energy savings, recycling efforts, events educating the community, etc. The goal is to share how the town is making strides to reach the goals laid out in the resolution. Examples/draft ideas were brought to share with the committee. Next steps, Ms. Roberts to write a proposal for Town Council to have a sustainability report for the town with the potential to be published periodically (ex. Annually). See attachments (examples).
   c. Scott Herzog reviewed the Town's current resolution and recommended updates to align with the references to the state. He also suggested updating the opening paragraph with a more positive objective (as the current opening paragraph is a bit apocalyptic). By updating the resolution, it would make it more manageable to achieve the goals laid out.

5. **New Business**
   a. Data Center Moratorium – The committee discussed that the Town of Lewisville had chosen not to pursue a Moratorium. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the town laying out requirements for data centers to follow sustainable practices should there be the potential of a data center built in town. Planning Director Lynn Cochran is to be invited to attend the September ECSC meeting to provide additional information.
   b. October 17, 2026 – Special Recycling Event Discussions/Planning
      i. Discussion took place regarding holding the recycling event at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center to keep the location consistent in the spring and fall.
      ii. Discussion continued regarding the possibility of having the ability to collect "universal waste", to do so the town will need a RCRA Waste Contingency Plan. Ms. Roberts will research further as she has experience with RCRA and Waste Contingency Plans.
      iii. Public Works Director Jon Hanna discussed how Waste Management trucks experience fires occasionally from lithium batteries. It was recommended the committee should consider putting together an article to educate residents on the proper disposal/recycling of lithium batteries.
      iv. New Terracycle collection item- The committee was made aware of the addition of empty and dried nail polish bottles.

c. Sabin Center for Environmental Studies at Wake Forest – Director Hanna to research attendance to the conference using ECSC funding.

6. Staff Reports

a. Social Media Policy Distributed for Signatures

7. For the Good of the Order

a. Next meeting, if needed: September 8, 2026

8. Adjournment – Having no further business to discuss, Jennifer Haydon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Dixie Lee Thompson and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Kay Smitherman, Chair

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Angela Lord, Town Clerk