

## ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Town Hall Conference Room 201

June 11, 2024 – 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, Jennifer Haydon, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Kenneth Scales, and Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Robert Smitherman was absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Jennifer Haydon moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hudgens and motion approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Jennifer Haydon moved to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ken Scales and motion approved unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
  - a. 2024 Earth Day update – Ms. Roberts noted a couple of vendors backed out just before the event. She noted that an email was sent to James River with the vendor information but for some reason they did not receive the information. The 2025 LED event will be April 12, 9 AM-2 PM. The committee discussed ways to enhance the event such as demonstrations of different power modes, making puppets out of recycled goods, interactive stations, kids contest, etc.
  - b. LES Science Day – Ms. Roberts will try to learn when next year's science fair will be held so preparation can begin earlier.
  - c. Fall Clean Sweep (collaboration with Beautification Committee) – This year, the fall clean sweep will be done in conjunction with NCDOT's fall litter sweep. It is thought this will be September 14.
- V. **New Business**
  - a. Clothes/Gear swap – Ms. Blount inquired if the committee would be interested in doing a clothing/gear swap and use it as an educational endeavor. This would be a reuse program and the committee can limit how much can be brought. The committee noted there are documentaries about fast fashion that could be educational and played during the swap. It was noted that the Town would need to approve documentaries. It was noted this could start out small with just the committee members participating and see how it goes.
- VI. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. Supporting Clean Energy – Jennifer Haydon made a motion to disband this subcommittee and make it part of the committee's regular educational mission. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hudgens and motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **Staff Reports**
  - a. The recycling insert will be in the July/August newsletter.
  - b. The bottle water fountain has been installed at Shallowford Square near the playground. The unit and installation cost was approximately \$5,000. Mr. Hanna hopes to be able to purchase more in the future to replace older ones as they are replaced.
  - c. Mr. Hanna updated the committee on the power consumption at Mary Alice Warren Community Center (MAWCC) since the solar panels have been on the center for one year.
- VIII. **For the Good of the Order**
  - a. Next meeting: August 13, 2024
  - b. There will be no meeting in July.

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- c. The committee was able to tour the Waste Management recycling center. An article will be in the upcoming Town newsletter. Educating the community as to why plastic bags, non-recyclables, and electronics should not be placed in recycling bins is key.

IX. **Adjournment** – Having no further business to discuss, Gretchen Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Haydon and motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Kay Smitherman, Chair

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Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk