



ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Town Hall Conference Room 201
October 8, 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, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Kenneth Scales, Robert Smitherman and Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Jennifer Haydon was absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Kenneth Scales moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Chelsea Blount and approved unanimously.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Barbara Hudgens moved to approve the September 10, 2024 minutes. Motion was seconded by Gretchen Roberts and approved unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. Fall Clean Sweep – The Fall Clean Sweep held September 14 was a success. Allowing minors with supervision helped to increase participation.
 - b. Special Recycling event – The fall special recycling event is October 26 at Shallowford Square. Placement of the foam recycling trailer was discussed. The trailer can accept bubble wrap, Styrofoam and plastic bags. This information will be shared on the Town’s Facebook.
 - c. Earth Day – April 12, 2025, 9 AM-2 PM
 - i. Swap event – Ms. Blount will look for organizations/businesses (i.e. ReGear in Boone) who may be able to facilitate an outdoor gear swap. Committee members will also brainstorm ideas on how to organize and advertise the event.
 - ii. Vendor solicitation – The committee was updated on committed and potential vendors. It was noted that advertised times should match the banner, which states a time of 9 AM-2 PM.
- V. **Staff Reports**
 - a. Two cases of the Town’s reusable totes were sent to Western North Carolina (WNC) to assist with the relief efforts. The committee discussed continued needs in WNC including portable showers.
- VI. **For the Good of the Order**
 - a. Next meeting: November 12, 2024
 - b. There will be no December meeting. A holiday get-together will be held at Ms. Haydon’s home.
 - c. Mr. Scales suggested an energy audit of the Town’s buildings to understand how much energy the Town is using and to gauge how the solar installation is doing at Mary Alice Warren Community Center. Mr. Hanna will provide the contractor’s information for Mr. Scales. Mr. Scales then inquired if the Town had a plan to meet the resolution goal. Mr. Hanna encouraged the committee to develop proposals to be shared with Council.
 - d. The committee discussed ways to reduce light usage and light pollution with the new street lighting for the Great Wagon Road. Mr. Hanna cautioned the committee not to get ahead of Council.
 - e. Mr. Scales expressed a desire to be more proactive and take ideas to Council.



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VII. **Adjournment** – Having no further business to discuss, Robert Smitherman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Scales and motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Kay Smitherman, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk