

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
4/30/24**

Meeting was called to order by Chris at 7:00pm

Members present: Chris Zigmont, Chetana Parmar, Ryan Jean, and Nina Braun

Staff and Select Board Member Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation & Sustainability Planner

Motion by Nina, 2nd by Chetana to **approve meeting minutes from 21 April 24** as presented.
Motion passes, unanimously.

Correspondence

- Two people reached out with interest in serving on the committee. Kristen followed up with both to encourage them to submit a volunteer board application.

Solid Waste Subcommittee Report

- DPW, Chetana, Chris and Kristen met to discuss current contract.
- Exeter's contract renews in 2027 and that leaves a great opportunity to research surrounding times and contracts. There is a small list of available companies to contract with.
- There is a lot of variety of how different nearby towns manage their waste.
- Markets for recycling have dramatically shifted since 2017 when the contract began.
- DPW is proposing an adjustment to the layout at the transfer station and will be seeking a warrant article for the work to make it more efficient.
- The subcommittee will be working to collect information on who the surrounding towns work with, what services their town provides and what the details of their contract is and when their contract expires.
- The goal is to reduce what we send to the landfill through programs like Helpsy and residential composting.
- The Town will request the additional compost bin in their 2025 budget request. It was noted that though we compost a significant volume of material we are not seeing a savings in hauling costs.

Window Dressers

- The Energy committee is bringing this non-profit, low cost, reusable interior window inserts. It is planned for Winter 2025. Currently the Energy Committee is in search of volunteer measurers.

Revision's Sustainability Coordinator presentation

- Ryan offered having the sustainability coordinator present what Revision does with their waste.
- Ryan also is working on a list of metrics that he thinks would be valuable for the Town to present.

Styrofoam Drive

- The goal is to align the date with the EcoClub's electronics recycling
- We need to contact them once school starts, confirm the collection date, and interest in collaboration.
- Once confirmed we would have to find a box truck company to collaborate with. Chris suggested perhaps Bridges Brothers.
- Nina will help with outreach materials.

With no additional business, Ryan motioned, and Chetana seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Murphy