

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
8Jan25**

Meeting was called to order by Chris at 7:02pm

Members present: Chris Zigmont, Ryan Jean, Jim Breeling, Denise Short, Nina Braun, Julie Gaunt (alternate), Sarah Koff (alternate), and Jackie Ojala

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

Motion by Chris, 2nd by Ryan to **make Julie and Sarah voting members of the committee** in two committee members' absence.

The SAC welcomes new member Sarah Koff to committee.

Public comments:

- The SAC received an email from Karishma asking for advice regarding support of a proposed state legislation. SAC will encourage Karishma to consider a citizen's position to get the issue on the warrant article and to come to SAC next meeting so that we can learn more about the language of the proposed bill. Upon learning more we could see ourselves writing a letter of support. Denise will respond to Karishma via email.

Styrofoam Drive Event review and initial metrics

- In 2 hours, 62 cars filled 12 supersaks, the rough equivalent of 75 large blue bags (\$187.50).
- Thank you to Keith and DPW (Wayne & Kirk) for their support in this effort.
- Attendees reported hearing about the event from Facebook and the sign on Portsmouth Ave.
- Dan shared results from the event with the selectboard.
- Kristen has received 11 calls and emails asking about the next event since it happened.
- For the next event consider an indoor space and a larger truck.

Motion by Nina, 2nd by Jim to **approve meeting minutes from 2Dec24** as presented. Motion passes, unanimously.

Update on Sustainability Related Budget Items and deliberative session talking points

- EV charging station – budget recommendation committee voted in support of a public EV charging station contingent on receiving a grant.
 - It will be a 4 port system with a 5-year maintenance contract. The town can set the rate structure and it accommodates all electric car brands.

Solid Waste Subcommittee

- Will work to propose a schedule of dates for future Styrofoam recycling events
- Waste management has offered to provide us a tour of their landfill and their processes as we work to inform our recommendation – Chris will coordinate dates for this via email
- Dover, NH had a consultant review their solid waste processes; Kristen will share the results. The man Kristen has been working with is happy to share and may be willing to join an upcoming meeting

Police and Fire station subcommittee

- Ryan reached out to Dave today to get something on the schedule to discuss the current plans for the site
- Energy committee had someone from Unitil at their meeting to help them find opportunities in the town to reduce energy costs – may be a good time to reengage this contact

Election of New Chair

- Chris has had a career change and would like to step down as chair. If a member is interested in chairing the committee, please indicate this to Chris so we can hold an election at the next meeting.

Other business

- Energy committee met today and has expressed interest in having another annual joint meeting. SAC will discuss dates next month

Chris motions, Nina 2nd to **conduct all committee meetings 100% digitally** (no paper) unless we need to sign a document. Motion passes unanimously.

With no additional business, Jim motioned, and Ryan seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ojala