

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Richard at 6:34pm, via Zoom  
Present: Chairperson Ann Richard, Vice Chair Leon Correy, Karen Gent, Wendy Drumm, Christin Ritz, and Sustainability Coordinator Whitney McClees.  
Guests: Jennifer Correy

Absent: Deirdre Healy, Susan Spooner

CHAIR PERSON'S WELCOME AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION by Ann Richard

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT read by Ann with edits by removing the specific tribe names as discussed in last meeting

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes for the June 22, 2021 meeting motioned by Leon Correy and seconded by Wendy Drumm (5-0). Ann motions to approve Christin Ritz as a full voting member and seconded by Karen Gent (5-0). Eliana DeCunha who helped us with Town Meeting cannot commit to becoming a member but would like to attend when she can be useful.

**COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

Whitney will take over the voting of Chair since Ann is the current Chair for the nominations. Nomination for Ann to be Chair by Wendy and seconded by Leon (5-0). Ann nominates Leon Correy for Vice Chair and seconded by Karen (5-0). Ann nominates Karen for Secretary and seconded by Leon Correy (5-0).

**DEI COMMITTEE**

Ann thanks Leon and Wendy for participating in the reading story hour at the library. Leon comments it was a great experience as well as Wendy.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day-it has not been officially changed by the state. Towns can individually decide if they want to change the name of the holiday, it would not be a different day. There are other towns and cities that have done this already. Wendy volunteers with the Millicent Friends Group to offer their services to collaborate to make this happen.

**CATERPILLAR LAB TALK/ EVENT**

Whitney brought up to Ann that this could be a good speaker to bring to the group. Whitney describes the group as a merging of education, art, science and does presentations and with Covid its virtual talks. Educational programs for all ages and public programs for a wider audience. The Sustainability Committee could sponsor an event for the public. Ann will pursue this and look into booking this for the fall.

### SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Wendy attended a virtual educational event and learned the problem with plastic is worse than she ever realized. Suggestion that we write a letter as soon as we can in support of the bottle bill, single use plastic bill and extended use bill. Write a heartfelt letter ASAP. Wendy can write a draft letter. Ann comments we would have to write to Bill Strauss and Mark Montigny, if Wendy writes a draft, she can send it to Ann and Whitney and we can read it at the next meeting. Eliana is also involved in this topic and may be able to help as she worked with Surfrider Foundation who is also working on this- there may already be drafts out there instead of reinventing the wheel. On the Cape there are towns encouraging no sale of bottled water in their public facilities, it's a good way to model behavior showing the use of reusable water bottles. Christin asks if we know the date about those bills if we have a deadline. Urged to do as soon as possible about supporting those 3 bills. Individuals are encouraged to write letters as well.

### GLYPHOSATE AND OTHER TOXIC CHEMICALS

Wendy- roundup and similar pesticides have shown to be cancerous. In general, the chemical glyphosate made by Monsanto once sprayed children are susceptible to cancers, developmental programs etc., she can share studies. Her neighbor told Wendy they are spraying roundup in the children's baseball field. There are 140 towns that are regulating the use of roundup on town property. Wendy suggests we should find out if people are being exposed to it and what action we can take. It should be disclosed what is being used on our town land. Whitney adds that in several of the land managers conferences she's attended this has been discussed- some towns have banned glyphosate, some regulated. Frustration is being left out of the conversation in a lot of cases with invasive species, these chemicals are the only thing that can control it. In some cases, glyphosate can be the only tool they have. Her recommendation is that land managers and invasive species managers like Buzzards Bay Coalition can be involved in the conversation.

Wendy agrees it should be collaborative and we learn from them to understand what is going on. Leon suggests we reach out to DPW and invite them to the next meeting to discuss where it's being used. Ann spoke to one of the custodians of the library that was spraying the sidewalks and he was using a homemade nontoxic spray and pointed out there are people already making efforts. Ann will make some contacts with the different town departments and who takes care of what properties. We will put this on next week's agenda as well.

### 2040 MASTER PLAN

Continue to keep this on the agenda

### SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATORS REPORT

Whitney hopes to have more updates on the Green Communities Competitive Grant next meeting, she received an email that DOER will be making announcements by the end of the summer. We are officially an MVP designated community; we received an extension on the EV grant due to the computer processing shortage- hoping the vehicles get acquired and stations installed by January. Eversource work has been completed, we are at the mercy of the supply chain at this point.

Ann asks now that we're MVP designated, is there something we can do to change our bylaws as a green community- for example land use, buildable lots etc.?

Whitney answers one of the parts of the planning grant we had additional scope items that were funded beyond the grant that takes a comprehensive look at our procedures consultant picked out where we can be more resilient. All the boards will be involved when we get recommendations and how we move forward to address our bylaws and become more resilient.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Next meeting is August 17, 2021 remotely.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Wendy motions to adjourn and is seconded by Leon. Vote was unanimous by hand raise (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Gent