

MEETING MINUTES**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30pm**

Present: Ann Richard, Wendy Drumm, Susan Spooner, Tim Garcia, Deirdre Healy, Christin Ritz

Absent: Karen Gent

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ann Richard read the land acknowledgement. She also noted that the Sustainability Committee donated a copy of *Notable Native People* to both the Millicent Library and the Fairhaven High School Library. Ms. Richard also mentioned that at a future meeting we may invite a member of a local indigenous group to speak.

MINUTES

Christin Ritz made a motion to approve the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Susan Spooner. 6-0 roll call vote.

SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Ms. Ritz provided an update from the advisory committee and noted that it is on the Board of Health's agenda for the December 15, 2021 meeting for discussion purposes by the members to discuss the proposed bylaws and whether or not they will hear the plastic advisory group's presentation in the future.

Ms. Ritz and Wendy Drumm are planning to attend the Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Richard asked about the discussion with businesses and Ms. Ritz noted that it was on hold until after the discussion with the Board of Health. The advisory group is looking into soliciting endorsements from other groups, specifically environmental groups, in the meantime.

ECOCHALLENGE

Ms. Richard noted that she would like to do the Seeds for Seniors program again in addition to other items that the Committee typically sponsors surrounding the EcoChallenge.

Ms. Drumm offered her support for the Seeds for Seniors program.

2040 MASTER PLAN

Ms. Richard noted that the Master Plan is discussed among other committees, in particular in relation to open space.

Whitney McClees indicated that both the Master Plan and the Open Space Plan identify the creation of a permanent Open Space Committee is an action item identified in both plans.

SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. McClees provided an update about the 732 Sconticut Neck Road property and the Chapter 61A Right-of-First-Refusal process. She reported that the Selectboard meeting on December 6 assigned right-of-first-refusal to Buzzards Bay Coalition to acquire the property to maintain its status as open space.

Ms. McClees also updated the Committee about the Electric Vehicles Incentive Program grants. Two charging stations will be installed in the parking lot on Arsene Street near the bike path in February, after many delays associated with the pandemic, supply chain issues, and the computer processor shortage.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Next meeting will be January 18, 2022.

Tim Garcia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wendy Drumm, 6-0 by hand raise vote at 7:00pm.