

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Town Hall, 40 Center Street

Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Richard at 6:30pm, via Zoom

Present: Chairperson Ann Richard, Tim Garcia, Karen Gent, Christin Ritz, Susan Spooner, and Sustainability Coordinator Whitney McClees

CHAIR PERSON'S WELCOME AND MEDIA NOTIFICATION by Ann Richard

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT read by Ann Richard

MINUTES

Approval for minutes for the March 15, 2022 meeting motioned by Karen Gent and seconded by Tim Garcia (5-0) Approval for minutes for April 19, 2022 meeting motioned by Tim Garcia and seconded by Karen (5-0). Whitney has been taking minutes in Karen's absence but since she is leaving Karen will take those back on.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Tim wrote an article 2 weeks ago and Christin Ritz has an article coming out and highlighted sustainability and will be writing another article. Christin submitted her article and we will have a feature once per month. Her article focused on gardening with Native Plants.

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS- ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE

Whitney- the survey has not been sent out yet and she will meet with Christin next week to monitor and manage the survey. Ann met with the new Town Administrator and they spoke about the survey and the Bord of Health is involved as well.

2040 MASTER PLAN

No updates

SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATORS REPORT

Whitney has finalized thing for the Green Communities Grant and getting the final disbursement of funds soon after final inspections. The EV grants are still in process, we have half of the charging stations but the vendor is sending the pedestals separately which won't be delivered until June so another extension has been requested. We have the hookups ready we just need all the components to get installed. She is working with the Town Administrator to make sure the rest of the grant components get completed. We should be finding out soon about the Municipal Vulnerability Grant and she has been making sure all of the outstanding grants are getting handed off properly. Whitney describes the location of the chargers behind the DPW building. The Town Administrator is hoping to have a new hire to replace Whitney within the next 3 months to continue all of Whitney's work. Ann suggests we don't

have a June meeting as Town Meeting is coming up and there are precinct meetings that week. There are no objections from the group to cancel the June meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No meeting next month, June. Ann expresses gratitude towards Whitney and lets her know we have gotten her a gift that she will receive after her last day. Karen asks if Whitney will still be involved as a resident and Whitney says she will need to take a break and possibly in the future. Whitney thanks the group for supporting her work and we are all sad to see her go!

All in favor for adjourning (5-0).