

**Sustainability Committee****6:30pm****July 16, 2024**FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
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1. **Chairperson's Welcome and Media Notification:** Chair, Ann Richard opened the meeting at 6:31pm.

2. **Quorum/Attendance**

Present: Chairperson, Ann Richard, Susan Spooner, Christin Ritz, Karen Gent, Wendy Drumm, Laura Gardner, Tim Garcia  
Andrew Romano - Select Board Liaison

3. **Business Ad Hoc committee update**

Tim Garcia shared updates on the Business Recognition application, which he would like to post to the town website. This form will allow the committee to give recognition for current or proposed sustainable initiatives.

Tim Garcia sent the Town Administrator a concept design within guidelines. Mr. Garcia is willing to print 500-1000 postcards as a donation. He is hoping this will give people direction on how to sign up for the recognition program and any other volunteer opportunities with the committee. He will present a video at the next meeting.

Currently, Karen Gent, Christin Ritz, and Tim Garcia are working together as an ad hoc committee to implement this procedure.

4. **Save our Shorebirds**

Wendy Drumm presented updates to the "Save our Shorebirds" program including the Piping Plover nesting enclosures that have been installed on West Island by Jamie Bogart of the Lloyd Center. Mr. Bogart reported this season encountered the first hatchling since 2020.

Ms. Drumm will provide migration data at the next meeting.

The S.O.S. advertisement/announcement regarding dogs on leashes has been approved to be published in Fairhaven Neighborhood News. Additionally, Beth David is willing to interview Jamie Bogart later this summer.

Conservation Agent, Bruce Webb, will be meeting with the Board of Public Works on July 26<sup>th</sup> to obtain approval for the Sustainability Committee on signage. The meeting will have a Zoom link for committee members to join.

Ann Richard made a motion to approve the published advertisement once approved by the Town Administrator. The motion was seconded by Tim Garcia (6-0).

**5. Composting**

Residents can now sign up for a composting bin (60 households are needed to initiate the program).

**6. Plastic Bylaw**

Christin Ritz met with Sustainability Coordinator, Bruce Webb, Health Agent, David Flaherty and the Town Administrator on ways to enforce the bylaw. Mr. Flaherty has issued written warnings to businesses; 2 \$50 fines have been issued.

Conservation Agent, Bruce Webb, made the committee aware that all complaints should be sent to Dave Flaherty.

Laura Gardner – the State Senate passed a wide-ranging bill limiting the use of single-use plastics. The House will vote on an energy bill July 17<sup>th</sup> – contact local representatives for support.

**7. General Business Next meeting: on August 20, 2024.**