



## **TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

**Thursday, April 21, 2022**

**Town Conference Room and electronic**

**Northeast Harbor**

Members Present:

Phil Lichtenstein, Chair

Dennis Shubert

Sydney Roberts Rockefeller

Kathy Miller

Gordon Beck

John McCauley

Meeting convened at 1630

1. Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and accepted.
2. The Chair spoke briefly of Ellen Kappes' contributions to the communities' efforts to be sustainable. The committee asked the chair to formally convey our respect and appreciation for Ellen's contributions to her family.
3. An expanded discussion of the committee's communication plan was prompted by support for "No Mow May". Not mowing our lawns in May is intended to help those beings that benefit from the early Spring flowers than blossom in an unmown lawn. The committee's full support of the concept has not convinced public officials. The major conclusion is that the committee needs to work with its partners and their communication lines to regularly support sustainable goals by consistent and focused messaging. Certainly, A Climate to Thrive, Summer Residents Association and the VIS have communication channels and a willingness to be supportive. The consistent messages need to be more formalized and distributed.
4. The town's "downtown" EV level II charger should be installed by the end of May. The Steamboat Landing gasoline stations have been supportive by installing their own level II chargers.
5. The chair mentioning that the single stream or mixed recycling seems to be of significant volume. It is unclear as to the general

understanding within the community about the renewed recycling effort and what the committee should do to expand its success.

6. The committee agreed to continue to meet at 4:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Next meeting therefore is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.