



TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT Sustainability COMMITTEE Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2019

**Town Hall Meeting Room
21 Sea Street
Northeast Harbor**

Members Present:

Phil Lichtenstein Chair

Jesse Hartson

Warren Smith

Kathy Miller

Gordon Beck

Dwight Lanpher

Excused:

John Macauley

Dennis Shubert

Ellen Kappes

4:00 Call meeting to order

1. Discuss LED Streetlight, following up with Real Term on 2 sodium vapor lights that were not converted during project. Discussion over if the PUC has approved the LED rate, shields, and the process if citizens could request removal of a light to the BOS.
2. Water bottle filler for visitor center moving forward and discuss the possibility of a seasonal outdoor filler
3. Sustainable lawn care will continue to be a topic over the next several meetings, looked at the material data sheets on the pesticides, fungicides, herbicides used by the present contractor Green Thumb. Micro clover is also being used successfully by sod growers with good results.
4. Current Efficiency Maine lighting program for businesses, which is a quote offered free of charge by the vendor/electrical contractor with no obligations, current offer is a 75/25 split labor/materials for qualified businesses offer expires 3/31. The Committee unanimously would like to recommend to the BOS to have a free quote, for qualifying Town buildings. Will send recommendation and Program PDF in a separate letter to the BOS.
5. Reminder of the Invasive Species Forum II at the Neighborhood House May 4th 2-4 PM

6. Ideas for letter to be included in the Town report, several members suggested pictures, usage of Marina EV charger and the Committee recommendation of the Single Use bag and Styrofoam packaging Ordinances.
7. Update on Fiberight, discuss single stream recycling trials and potential for the Town to increase choices of recyclables accepted, and if cost effective to send recyclables to Fiberight as recyclables in the future which is at lower tipping fee.
8. Next Meeting Thursday March 14th 4:00PM