

Greener Hopkinton
Minutes
August 3, 2012
7:00pm
Slusser Center
DRAFT

In attendance: Mary Leadbeater, Barbara Fales, Nancy Jackson-Reno, Bethann McCarthy

The committee approved the minutes for the June meeting.

Municipal energy subcommittee - Bethann informed the members that she and Chris Aslin will be meeting with Town Administrator, Neal Cass, to discuss energy upgrades being made in the buildings. Mary mentioned that GH member Jack Ruderman is on the committee for the new highway garage which is being built.

Bethann updated the committee on the Planning Board's work on the Energy Chapter of the Town's Master Plan. The PB has worked out goals and objectives and will next work on recommendations. Bethann would like to ask GH members to review and offer suggestions/comments on the recommendations. She will mention at PB meeting.

Greener Hopkinton Action Plan - we decided that January might be a good time to have this meeting. We will try and get a facilitator, possibly with some knowledge of GH history, to help us with project. Mary suggested we might want to get in touch with some of the people who attended the initial visioning meeting (with Jim Merkel) to attend, they might be interested in getting involved again.

Plans for Speakers, etc: We will team with the Little Nature Museum to host Barry Rock, UNH professor, to talk about climate change. This will be on Saturday, May 5 at the Library Community Room. We will help with publicity. Both committees will contribute a small amount to an honorarium.

We also discussed the possibility of teaming with the Little Nature Museum to do some kind of a display. Barbara mentioned that this could be in the Little Nature Museum's museum space or somewhere else. We discussed possibilities such as Recycled Art, and the idea of doing a display in the booth at the library, which is available to groups on a month-to-month basis.

Also discussed getting a speaker from Bruss Construction, who has contracted with PSNH Energy Star. We thought the Slusser Center during the day might be a good venue for this presentation. Bethann will contact Jessica at the Slusser Center to discuss.

Membership Drive. Some announcements have been sent out. We received an email from one interested party, who could not attend tonight's meeting. We will continue to post announcements and flyers. Nancy said she'd work on a flyer if Bethann sends her the information.

New Business

We discussed the Community Garden. We will look into available funds, and see if there is enough to hire somebody to mow between plots next year. Weeds are rather a problem and makes it difficult to access the rear of plots. Also, the weeds tend to move in on the plots themselves. Also discussed the possibility of gardeners keeping the same plots every year. A survey of current and past gardeners was recommended, to gain their input and recommendations on the garden.