

Draft Minutes
Greener Hopkinton
October 24, 2012 Meeting

Meet was held at the Slusser Center at 7:00 PM. In attendance: Mary Leadbeater, Barbara Fales, Bethann McCarthy

We discussed the weatherization projects we may work on this year. We have gotten four names from the Human Services Director. Bethann will contact the individuals to set up a date.

Planning Meeting is scheduled for the last Sunday in January. Mary has reserved the conference room at the library. Bethann and Mary will coordinate to get a facilitator for the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review and prioritize the direction and type of projects the committee wants to work on. We may invite past members to assist in the process.

Community Garden - Barbara and Brenda are working on planning the garden for next year. Amy O'Brien will be contacted and included in discussions. A few gardeners have expressed a desire to have the same plots as next year. Brenda is trying to find a master gardener to advise us on weed control and other issues.

Bethann apprised then group that the Planning Board has voted to move ahead with the draft version of the Energy Chapter of the Master Plan. The next step will be to hold a public meeting on the draft. She didn't believe that a date had yet been set for the public meeting.

We discussed the possibility of a Spring Green Houses tour. So far we have two home owners who may be interested. We discussed asking a few other people. Four or five homes would be needed to make it worthwhile. We need to reach out and find out who in Town has solar hot water, photovoltaics, passive solar home, geothermal, windmills, etc. A composting demonstration might also be a good idea.

Spring presentations: Barry Rock is schedule for March at the Library in cooperation with the Little Nature Museum. We also discussed getting somebody from the UNH speakers bureau or a master gardener, who might be able to do an organic gardening presentation, maybe in late March. Somebody from the Jordan Center might be able to do a talk on home energy efficiency. No definite programs or dates have been set other than the Barry Rock talk.

Earth Day trash pick-up. We will work with the Recycling Committee on this event in April.

There will be no meetings in November and December.

Submitted by Bethann McCarthy