

REAC November 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1. **Establish Quorum:** All members are in attendance.
2. **Review of Draft Minutes of June 4, 2020 Meeting:** Minutes approved unanimously.
3. **Public Comment**
Public comment was open and closed.
4. **Select New Chair**
Dave Low selected unanimously as new Chair.
5. **Solar Update**
Currently awaiting DEP response to Sevee & Maher report that responded to the DEP concerns – crooked vent pipes, stormwater catchment, and settlement. Once DEP approves report, Tangent will move forward in site plan permitting process. Estimated to begin construction in March, and “flip the switch” in June.
6. **Product Stewardship Resolution**
Complete – will keep an eye on future legislative bills.
7. **Municipal Building Ordinance** (letter to Council regarding expansion of Fire Dept.)
Dave and Ashley to meet to discuss next steps.
8. **Sustainable Business Certification**
Next step is to develop certification guidelines – reference One Climate Future business pledge. Pete and Ashley to work on draft.
9. **Town Council Current Work Plan Items**
 - Commercial sustainability education
 - i. Sustainable Business Certification and Business Recycling Survey/Program support this initiative
 - ii. Increased priority of Business Recycling from a “C” to “B” – opportunity for businesses to save money and produce less waste. Work on strategy to work with businesses/landlords to implement a policy.
 - Green procurement policy
 - i. Finance Department developing ROI analysis on vehicle purchasing policy
 - Plastic bags
 - i. Include messaging in Falmouth Focus about recycling do’s/don’t
 - Green building standards/Business Standards increase
 - i. Lower priority – watch what happens at the state level - focus on Municipal building standards first
 - Healthy nail salon voluntary certification
 - i. On hold during pandemic, changed to a “C” priority
 - Plastic straw ordinance
 - i. On hold during pandemic

10. East Side Food Waste Kiosk

- Ashley to work on finding a location

11. Library Charging Stations

- Dick to connect with library to gauge level of interest / funding sources
- Possibly work with high school student on project

12. Other Business

- Face mask waste – how does ecomaine handle? Dick to reach out to ecomaine.
- Interesting program on fiberglass boat recycling
- How to best work with the Conservation Commission – Ashley and Rich to work as liaisons and determine opportunities to work together
- Rename REAC to be Sustainability Committee? Look at mission statement and consider.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58pm. Next meeting on December 3, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.