

MEETING MINUTES

CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING

October 24, 2019

Thursday 7:30 pm – Vienna Town Hall

In Attendance

Susan Patton
Joanne Burke
Christine Horner
Susan Stillman
Christina Caplan
Kana Furukawa
Bob Robinson
Desiree DiMauro
Rochele Kadish

Absent

Katie Monacella
Sean Casey

Guests

Susan Rexroad
Fred Rexroad

7:30 PM: Welcome/Call to Order

Approval of minutes – Bob Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting. Joanne Burke seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Presentation: Update on Tree Project – Susan Rexroad

- Ms. Rexroad met with Ms. Herman about potential tree planting project
- Additional coordination with arborist to discuss budget, plating and labor
- Potential Fall 2020 planting of bare root saplings with contribution from ReLeaf Group and Dept. of Forestry grants
- Opportunity with National Wildlife Federation annual competition for plantings in Jan/Feb
- Opportunity with Fairfax County NVSWCD sapling program for purchase in spring
- Ms. Rexroad to determine if NVSWCD would make a donation or offer discount for local communities
- Potential partnership with local nurseries to offer discount to Town residents

2020-2021 Budget Process – Susan Stillman

- Pollinator garden sign at Meadow Lane Park (\$300)
 - Recommend 2' x 3' metal sign
 - Potentially use the Bee City logo
 - Work with Ms. Herman to request an additional sign
- Bee City Registration Fee (\$200)
- CSC Banner for various uses (\$600)
 - Recommend 6' x 2' for table front
 - Need to obtain a cost estimate
- Rain barrel, composter and/or recycle bin to raffle at Green Expo (\$300)
- Sustainability Challenge frames (\$75)
- Replacement Plants (\$100)
- Sustainability Challenge stickers or signs to help publicize winners (TBD)
- Wrap up budget ideas by November

Tree enhancement on public and private property – Christina Caplan

- Ms. Caplan agreed to contact Brian Land (bland@kirkland.com) to discuss pro bono opportunities to encourage additional tree planting and coverage requirements

Bee City Requirements – Rochele Kadish

- Ms. Kadish met with Ms. Herman to discuss town requirements for Bee City and Monarch Pledge
- Ms. Kadish to contact Wolfrap and other elementary schools to coordinate educational table at public event on the Town Green in June 2020
- Discussed a Parks and Recreation Department educational program at the community center demo garden
- Town is developing new website and will be requesting CSC input
- Parks and Rec Department is working to develop tree city list with reference to Plant NOVA Natives resources
- Tree inventory will provide additional opportunities to plant natives around town
- Mr. Alex Shy (Parks and Rec) is working on innovative pest management plan for the town
- Ms. Kadish has begun discussions with Ms. Cindy Petkac regarding the comprehensive plan
- CSC to provide input on next Comprehensive Plan (Christine Horner to help coordinate this effort)
- Ms. Caplan to follow up with Ms. Herman to determine type of pest management currently utilized by the town

Composting Service Update – Susan Stillman

- No longer going to be placed at the Fire Department
- Town to determine location for compost station (potentially near glass recycling)

Native Plants – Susan Patton

- Seed swap and native plant propagation talk on November 19th from 7:30 PM to 9 PM at Community Center
- Native Vienna project approved by Fairfax Master Naturalist Program - allows FMN people to get service hours to support pertinent projects; also adds another way to advertise certain Town events.

Recycling / Litter update – Joanne Burke/ Christina Caplan /Bob Robinson

- Glass recycling purple bin pending
- Ms. Caplan and Mr. Robinson met with David Donahue to discuss current contract
- Town will continue collecting glass in recycling but encourages residents to utilize purple bins
- Recommend new website with clear guidance
- Tour of recycling center to be rescheduled (Date TBD)
- CSC to review article on glass recycling (potentially published in November or December)
- Ms. Furukawa recommends magnets or stickers for education on recycling (potentially add to budget request)

National Solar Home Tour October 5th and 6th and Solarize Report – Susan Stillman

- Good turnout at home tour
- 22180 had highest number of houses go solar in 2019 competition

VPAC update -- Drainage locations painted – Rochele Kadish

- Additional storm drain near Community Center gazebo to be painted
- Public Works to check condition of drains prior to painting

Meeting with Police Department – Susan Stillman

- Potential automobile canopies with solar panels and charging stations
- Encouraging efficiency and resiliency (solar ready, net zero recommendation)
- Police Chief presentation regarding new police station at Town Council work session on Monday, October 28th at 7:30 PM. Looking for CSC members to attend this meeting.

Green Expo 2020 – Susan Stillman

- Date set for April 23 (Thursday) 7-9 PM

Vienna Voice Articles

- How to green your holidays – Joanne Burke
- Potential article on insulation and the thermal cameras for colder weather

Misc. Items

- DEQ Non-competition grant ideas
 - Cigarette butt holders at Community Center along W&OD trail
 - Additional trash cans on church street (utilize trash can placement study)