

**CARLISLE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2023**

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

Participants:

- Members Present: Debbie Bentley (chair), Bob Zogg, Eric Balles, Glenn Reed, Dave Boettcher, Christina Christodouloupoulos, Launa Zimmaro (late), Joeth Barlas (late).
- Members Absent: Kath Hardcastle, Dan Cook
- Non-Members Present: Sue Thomas and Barney Arnold

Summary of Action Items:

Description	Resp.
Reply to Brad Hubbard-Nelson re ESC sponsorship of Sustainable Middlesex Conference	Debbie, Launa
Review Municipal Vulnerability Grant info and ask Julie questions at RTSD	All
ESC logo to Joeth	Christina
Post RTSD reminder on CITW	Christina
Reach out to Historical Society re display items for RTSD	Debbie
Media blast to encourage people to bring their water bottles to RTSD	Launa
Group text to members (for RTSD emergency)	Christina

1. Call to Order and Public Input:

- Debbie called meeting to order at 4:35pm
- Public Input: none

2. Minutes Approval: none

3. New Business: Sponsorship opportunity for Sustainable Middlesex Conference.

- Debbie: the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) has been invited to sponsor the Sustainable Middlesex Conference. This sponsorship falls under our remit and does not need to be approved by the Select Board.
- The conference is regional, non-political and a way to exchange information on environmental sustainability with groups like the ESC.
- Bob: will be co-hosting a break-out room and fully endorses the sponsorship.
- The conference is virtual and will take place on May 16 and May 20.
- Eric: asked what sponsorship entails; Debbie explained there is no cost, just networking; Launa stated the aim is participation by many communities.

Vote:

- Bob Zogg moved to sponsor the Sustainable Middlesex Conference.

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- Launa Zimmaro seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved unanimously.

4. New Business: Municipal Vulnerability Grant

- Debbie: presented the Planning Department intention to apply for a Municipal Vulnerability Grant. The objective is the assessment and restructuring of bylaws in order to achieve greater sustainability.
- Debbie: requested that members familiarize themselves with the Municipal Vulnerability Grant information that the Planning Department distributed; if members have questions, they can ask Julie Mercier at Route to Sustainability Day.
- Debbie sent Julie the ESC work plan with indications of areas where this grant can be helpful to the Committee.
- The grant needs to be discussed at the next meeting; the grant letter needs to go out May 4.

5. Request for Support of State Budget Amendments

- Launa: inquired if it was okay to send members the State budget amendments and requested members support the amendments as individuals. Members concurred with her emailing the details for individuals to review/act upon at their discretion.
- Barney: suggested Launa send the information to the Transfer Station Action Committee as well.

6. Route to Sustainability Day (RTSD)

- Debbie: mentioned RTSD is now on MCAN distribution list; they are impressed at the extent of the endeavor in comparison to the size of the town.
- Joeth: requested the ESC logo; Christina will email it to her.
- Christina: has ordered boxed water for the event (unconfirmed delivery at this time) and asked at what price point it should be sold.
- Bob: suggested it should be given away.
- Launa: opposed the idea of providing water and suggested a media blast to urge people to bring their own water in water bottles. She will post on City in the Woods, Parent Facebook page, PTO, Recreation Commission and through Jenn Gibbons at Town Hall.
- Christina: expressed concern that, especially since food is being sold, water needs to be provided as well; not all public buildings at the RTSD venues have potable water (concern regarding PFAS in Town water), only the Library and Fire Station have bubblers.
- Christina: expressed concern that some in Town refer to ESC as the Energy Sustainability Committee rather than the Environmental Sustainability Committee and suggested that RTSD and the ESC table and ESC members was a great opportunity to explain that the Committee addresses far more than just “energy” issues.

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- Barney: concurred.

- Christina: wondered if exhibitors at RTSD can be eligible for the raffle or only visitors. Consensus was that all except ESC members can be eligible. The drawing will be May 11.
- Members were in support of submitting the letter of gratitude for all who supported RTSD to the Mosquito.
- Christina: reminded members that the Town does not reimburse tax.
- Christina: requested members inform her of their printing totals so she can include them in the budget.
- Logistics and last minute adjustments in participation was discussed.
- Debbie will reach out to Historical Society to determine logistics for their display.
- Christina collected member cell numbers to send a group text so everyone has everyone else's number.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2023 at 4:30pm

Adjournment: Debbie adjourned meeting at 5:12pm

Minutes:

- Minutes prepared and submitted by Christina Christodoulopoulos
- Minutes approved by the CESC on April 27, 2023

Attachments:

- Zoom chat

16:46:15 From Dave Boettcher // Abode // (he/him) : I'd vote for no water vs. bottled water.
16:47:56 From Launa Zimmaro she/her League of Women Voters : Yes to Dave's comment! +++ 100%
16:48:13 From Eric Balles / W1ENB : I also agree
16:48:47 From Launa Zimmaro she/her League of Women Voters : Can we send out a(nother) message that people should bring their own water?
17:10:00 From Bob Zogg : 617-372-6469
17:10:19 From Dave Boettcher // Abode // (he/him) : Dave - 781-439-4530
17:10:22 From Barney Arnold : Barney 978-985-1228
17:10:29 From Launa Zimmaro she/her League of Women Voters : Launa: 617-429-2534
17:10:39 From Deborah Bentley : Debbie 978 221 1388
17:10:42 From Eric Balles / W1ENB : Eric +1 978 831 8567
17:10:54 From Glenn Reed, Carlisle : Glenn 978-807-2785
17:11:50 From Susan Thomas : Sue 508 579 3736