



Town of Pembroke Recycling and Sustainability Committee  
Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Pembroke Public Library  
Trustees Meeting Room

Minutes:

Members in attendance: Andrea Hatzyannis (chair), Kairyn Rainer (clerk), Stephen Curley, Meghan Watts, Katherine Kopper

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Hatzyannis at approximately 6:30pm. Ms. Hatzyannis stated our first agenda item was to approve minutes from April's meeting. Ms. Rainer informed the committee that we will have to defer minutes for approval until our next meeting as she was unable to complete them before tonight. Ms. Hatzyannis acknowledged that we will move this item to our next meeting agenda. She then stated that she will be moving out of town and, therefore, will no longer be able to serve on the Recycling and Sustainability Committee. She stated she would like to put forward Meghan Watts' name to replace her as chair and asked for a motion to do so. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to insert Ms. Watts as the new committee chair. Ms. Watts took over the position of chair for the remainder of this meeting. Ms. Rainer announced that she would not be able to continue in the role of clerk due to conflicting time commitments and asked if anyone would be willing to take over the role. After no members put their names forward, Ms. Rainer stated she would be willing to remain in the position for now and would ask the Assistant Town Manager for ideas on ways to manage the role.

New Committee Charter and Name: Ms. Hatzyannis explained that the Select Board had approved the change in name of the Recycling Committee to the Recycling and Sustainability Committee in addition to changing our purview to providing education about recycling and sustainability efforts to town residents. Ms. Watts noted that while these changes were accepted, there was some opposition from residents about the changes, although the reasons were not clear as no public comments were made at the meeting. Discussion ensued about the importance of adhering to our new purview and highlighting for residents the advantages of sustainability efforts, such as composting, particularly with regards to financial benefits.

Community Outreach: The committee discussed plans to apply for a table at Pembroke Celebrates, which Ms. Rainer stated she would send to Ms. Watts for completion. Discussion ensued about possible areas of focus, including composting. Ms. Rainer informed the committee that social media posts have been approved through September 21st. Ms. Watts reported that nothing was being planned currently for PSA's through PACTV but would be resumed at some point in the future, and that free Terracycle programs were being discussed with the supervisor of the Wilson E. Whittaker recycling center but were not currently in a planning phase. Having no further business to discuss, the committee acknowledged and thanked Ms. Hatzyannis for her work. Ms. Watts asked for a motion to adjourn, which was

moved, seconded, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Watts at approximately 8:00pm.