

Milton Sustainability EDC Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2015  
Coffaro Residence, Milton – 5:30 PM

1. The meeting came to order at 5:30 PM. Michela Coffaro chaired the meeting.
2. The following people were in attendance:

Committee Members:

- Michela Coffaro
- Bob Howard
- Shelley Grabel
- John King

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were mentioned. No approval/disapproval vote.
4. Announcements: None
5. Old & New Business Items:

Grabel discussed Water Footprint Calculators (WFC). Will identify one that is simple and can be printed so those without internet access can use the tool. Propose that Milton residents use the WFC to establish baseline of water use and then set goals for conservation of water. Grabel will recommend a particular WFC after further investigation. Howard notes that water conservation minimizes the town's costs for water system infrastructure.

Grabel recommends consultation with Delaware Estuary organization to identify a small water-related project in Milton, for example a project for Wagamons Pond.

Howard describes water quality testing being done locally by him and others. The program is funded under the Clean Water Act and is managed by Joe Farrell of UD. Discussion of making this water quality testing data available to the public on a new page on the town's website. Also, it is suggested that good-practices suggestions for sustainability could be shared on the website as well. Coffaro will contact town about a trial run of sharing useful information related to sustainability. The initial topic will be about what to do with fall leaves.

Howard relates his church's project to reduce the use of disposable plastic water bottles. Stainless steel or rigid plastic water bottles are purchased and the organization refills them at events. It is proposed and agreed that such a program would be good to do in Milton. Bottles could be ordered with Town of Milton labelling. These would be sold and refilled for free at town events.

General discussion of recent flooding in town. Coffaro and Grabel point out that several businesses lost several days of work and/customers because of flooding and related access limitations.

Grabel recommends a kickoff event for water issues in and around Milton. Event could include films, performances, education events, etc.

Coffaro notes that Barry Goodinson (Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission) has already included sustainability plans and accomplishments by the town in the new comprehensive plan.

6. New Business (see above).

7. Action Items

1. Grabel to recommend a particular Water Footprint Calculator.
2. Grabel to contact Delaware Estuary organization regarding possible water project in Milton.
3. Coffaro to communicate subcommittee's activities with Economic Development Committee.
4. Coffaro to pursue having sustainability information added to town website.

The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 2, at 5:30** at the Coffaro residence (608 Union St., Milton).

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John King