



Milton Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2018

2nd Floor – Milton Public Library – 5:30 PM

Milton, DE 19968

- 1) Call Meeting to Order: 5:30 PM
- 2) Roll Call of Members: Lou Colon – Co-Chair, Ellen Lytton – Co-Secretary, Anita Capparell – Co-Secretary, Frank Capparell – Finance, Chris Edgington – Committee Member
 - a. Guests: Tony S, Susan S, Sandy B, Shelly W, Jean H - SERCAP, Steve C, David J
- 3) Approval of Minutes of the 1/9/18 and 1/23/18 Meeting Minutes.
- 4) Announcements:
 - a. Steve Crawford donated a refrigerator in a food pantry
 - b. Road cleanup on Front St for a couple of hours – partner (Next Board Mtg 3/13/18)
 - i. Trash pick-up need to contact town office about May clean up (Cave Neck to Just past bridge) State Rd? Also, mulberry?
 - ii. Check with DPW first – maybe in their plans already.
 - c. Dave Johnson went to water table meeting and was asked by the mayor to be a part of the Water Committee (He has experience with doing water samples).
 - i. 4/1/18 will be inducted to the Water Committee.
 - d. Dave Johnson mentioned 4/18/18 Lunch and Learn 1PM at Abbots Mill Delaware Nature Society (BYO LUNCH). “Stream Watch” speaker
 - i. Chris E. getting flyer.
 - e. Jean is a certified water tester and can do water samples free of charge.
 - i. SERCAP has a quantity of bottles to use for testing, but need at least 5 places to make it worthwhile. (Jean speaks to “Keep Our Wells Clean” at our meeting-comparing notes)
- 5) Administrative Reports:
 - a. Chair’s Report on 1/31/18 meeting with the Mayor and Town Manager of Milton
 - b. Treasurer’s Report – Frank has notes and shows less than \$100 spent.
 - c. Sustainability Committee 2018 Event Calendar – All members agreed that the calendar should show what events we are committed to (dates and times) – Add a footnote at the bottom of calendar showing other opportunities that are available to schedule in the future.
 - d. The Cape Gazette was acquiring info about the Sustainability Committee events and meetings. Our committee members will now make sure that the information gets to the Cape Gazette.

6) Ongoing Business:

COMPOSTING PROJECT UPDATE:

- a. Chris E. spoke to Sheila at Milton Cheer Center (A Potential Site) and gave her a copy of NERC information. The Milton Cheer Ctr will be presenting it to their board this week. Not confirmed yet.
 - i. MCC is also receptive to have a community garden (No details yet).
- b. Chris E. called Grace Church on Union and left a message, but has not received a response.
 - i. Louis has the pastor's business card and will give to Chris E.
- c. Maria picked up composting info at an event (Probably will be October 2018)

PROMOTIONAL AND GIVEAWAYS:

- a. Ellen – Re: Tammy Brandt and Native Seed Packets – Buy seed in bulk and package ourselves. The top recommendations are Black Eyed Susans (Label packaging with Milton Sustainability Committee by using label maker, print label stickers, stamp, etc.)
- b. Chris E. has suggestion that Delaware Nature Society has seed packets already done. Also, Master Garden might help as well.
- c. Anita and Michela have a list of items to order.

SPEAKERS CONTACT LIST:

- d. All members agreed to table until next meeting when Michela is present.
 - a. Side-note: Louis drafted a general event detail to use for speaking invitations. Michela and Louis usually share this responsibility and Louis has volunteered for all requests.

New Business:

- e. All members agreed to table Orientation Session until the next meeting when Michela is present.
- f. Committee debriefs on the SERCAP workshops:
 - a. January 27th – 48 confirmed attendance – Jean is very happy with the results.
 - b. February 17th – 15 confirmed attendance – John Sykes said “Good Job”.
- g. “Game of Floods” - March 17th (rescheduled to April 14th) – will be 2.5 to 3 hours
 - a. Provide Lunch?
 - b. Location? – Library, Mariner Middle School, Fire Dept Hall ...
 - i. Frank C. suggested to use chairs (available on premises) at Mariner Middle School
 - c. Fire Dept Hall – Donation needed, make reservations ... #1 CHOICE by all members.
- h. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant – Jean handed out planning grant budget information.
 - a. Jean will meet with Michael (Grant Head) in Dover on Thurs 2:30pm to give her the next budget update. Budget Amendment? Shift one line item to another? Let her know if there are any questions for Michael.
 - b. Jean suggests getting a grant writer (Lisa Locke or office of State Planner). It is in the budget.
 - c. Jean explained the grant, per Shelly W request, to guests in attendance.
- i. MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Frank suggested use Excel spreadsheet as a log for events and venues that we've used in the past.
 - b. Jean states the planning for the grant needs a professional. \$5,000 in the budget for help.
 - c. MSC is not ready for Tree City USA so we need to redirect \$5,000 for a consultant.
 - d. The Sea Level rise person waved his fee \$500.
 - e. Jean will organize results of 2/17/18 guests.

- f. Ellen – Energy audit – on town website? Ellen can send out to anyone.
 - g. Jean – recycling assessment is done? Final? Contact Jackie Howard or Don Long.
 - i. Kristy Rogers saw the report and stated that there is not enough staff to monitor.
 - h. Louis – Sat 3/2 – Indian River 6-9 Senior Center public event regarding Spray Field and Wells. 3/3 University of Delaware in Lewes – Offshore Drilling Public Forum.
 - i. Jean – 3/14 – Sussex City Council 7-9 meeting on Water.
 - j. Michela sent an email to members regarding Allen Harim Groundwater Discharges.
- j. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Louis asked Town Manager how do we incorporate Public Comments into our monthly meetings?
- a. Per Kristy – Comments need to be in relationship to the subjects on agenda.
 - b. Tony Scarpa – Truck traffic on Gravel Hill and Sand Hill is bad for the air quality and noise.
 - i. Can potentially affect asthma, breathing – Need to keep on the radar.
 - ii. Passed out maps showing nitrate levels regarding Clean DE wastes and spraying in 25 acres.
 - iii. Allen Harim – appeal in May 2018 – Contamination not factored in by Den Rec.
- k. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 27, 2018
- a. Ellen needs update on any new issues besides the tabled items. Agenda needs to be done by 3/15/18.
 - b. Chris cannot go to 4/14/18 event.
 - c. Louis will not be avail 3/25 - 3/28 and cannot attend meeting.
 - d. Jean, SERCAP General Manager, will be gone April 1st – 3rd and will be gone next week. (SERCAP is a regional non-profit and has an office in every state)

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM