



Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Milton Sustainability Committee

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

Milton, DE 19968

- Meeting called to order: 5:40 pm
- Roll call of members: Louis Colon (Chair), Ellen Lytton (Vice Chair). Michela Coffaro, Anita Capparell
- Citizen Guests: Brandy Espinola (UMD EFC) via conference call
- Agenda for February 26, 2019 approved.
- Approval of minutes: January 22, 2019 minutes approved
- **Ongoing Business**
 - SERCAP Grant:
 - The committee members and B. Espinola (UMD EFC) set a tentative date of Saturday, May 18 for the upcoming town stakeholders' meeting. Meeting will be held at the Milton Public Library. B. Espinola discussed guidelines for creating a list of invitees for the stakeholder meeting.
 - B. Espinola discussed the Action Template and indicated the best approach for gathering the required information was a discussion with the town manager and the chair of the Sustainability Committee.
 - Action Items– L. Colon will arrange a date/time to meet with Kristy Rogers (Town Manager) and B. Espinola via conference call.
 - Committee discussed and added to 1) the asset inventory and 2) the list of stakeholders.
 - Action Item – L. Colon will contact Kristy Rogers for an up-to-dated list of licensed businesses in Milton.
 - Action item – L. Colon and E. Lytton: Continue development of the stakeholders list. (Note: M. Coffaro submitted a list of stakeholders to the chair prior to the meeting.)
 - **Motion to rescind:** M. Coffaro made a motion to rescind the committee's January 22, 2019 decision to move the committee's regular meeting date to the second Monday of the month and to keep the meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Motion was seconded and passed. (Note: A public meeting space was not available for the second Monday of the month.)
 - **Certificate of Appreciation:** The Backyard Restaurant is not able to attend the March meeting scheduled for the presentation of the certificate of appreciation. In an update to the committee M. Coffaro indicated that a number of other restaurants in Milton

were or have converted to using recyclable materials and suggested that the committee include these other establishments in the certificate of appreciation award presentation. A motion was made by E. Lytton that the committee adopt the suggestion of recognizing a wider group of restaurants at a presentation to be scheduled for a future date. Motion was seconded and passed.

- Action Item – M. Coffaro will contact other restaurants in Milton to discuss their current/planned use of recyclable materials.

- **New Business**

- **Letter to Cape Gazette:** In response to the Gazette article of 12/24/18 the Committee reviewed three draft responses presented by the Chair, the Chair/Vice Chair and Committee Member M. Coffaro. During the discussion M. Coffaro suggested that the hybrid version drafted by the Chair and Vice Chair be sent as the Committee's response to Mr. Flood's article on local opposition to seismic testing. E. Lytton made the motion to send the hybrid version. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Action Item: Lou Colon will send the hybrid version of the letter to Mr. Flood.

- **Festival Assignments:** Committee worked on assigning a lead for the following public festivals/events:

- Stakeholder meeting – May 18, 2019 – B. Espinola/committee
- Vegfest – May 18, 2019 – Frank and Anita Capparell
- Horseshoe Crab Festival – May 25, 2019 – L. Colon
- Mayberry Fourth of July - Frank and Anita Capparell
- Bargains on the Broadkill – August 24 – E. Lytton
- Holly Festival – December 14 – M. Coffaro
- Still to be decided: Broadkill Banjos & Seafood Festival

- **Blue Coast Talk:** The committee discussed an invitation to join the Blue Coast Talk program on Facebook for a discussion of the committee's work. E. Lytton made the motion to accept the invitation from Blue Coast Talk at a time/date amenable to the members of the committee who are interested in participating. Motion was seconded and passed

- **Agenda items for March 26, 2019:**

- SERCAP Grant:
 - Reports/requests by J. Holloway and B. Espinola
 - Update on the Action Template conference call
 - Update on stakeholder list
- Update on Blue Coast Talk
- Update on the restaurant awards
- Update on festival assignments and volunteers

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted: E. Lytton, Vice Chair

March 8, 2019

Chris Flood, Reporter

Cape Gazette

17585 Nassau Common Blvd

Lewes DE 19958

Subject: **Milton Delaware Opposition to Seismic Testing and Drilling off the Atlantic Coast**

Dear Mr. Flood,

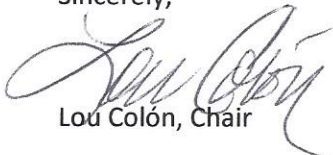
Thank you for your December 24, 2018 article titled "*Lewes, Dewey and Rehoboth Officials oppose seismic testing approval.*" In your article, there was photograph of Suzanne Thurman of the MERR Institute speaking out against drilling during a January protest in Dover and a Sept. 20th photograph of Governor Carney surrounded by legislators, local businessmen and government officials celebrating the signing of two bills that would protect the Delaware coast from gas and oil drilling. Your article inspired the Sustainability Committee to approach the Town's leaders about updating the original resolution. Did you know that in 2016 Milton opposed seismic testing and drilling?

The purpose of this letter is to share the good news that Milton's Mayor and Town Council recently passed **Resolution 2019-005 Opposition to Seismic Testing and Drilling off the Atlantic Coast** which is an update to the 2016 **Resolution 2016-002 Opposition to Seismic Testing and Drilling off the Atlantic Coast**.

The Sustainability Committee respectfully requests that the Cape Gazette recognize and report on the efforts and strides that Milton and all other non-beach towns are making on these important environmental and sustainable issues. It is important and necessary to "spread the word" and to reinforce the public's continued opposition to such serious threats, the ramifications of which will not be known until it is too late. In closing, we look forward to reading your articles that recognize and report on our endeavors.

On behalf of the members of the Milton Sustainability Committee, I respectfully submit this request.

Sincerely,



Lou Colón, Chair

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