Westwood Environmental Action Committee minutes

4/19/18 - 7:30 p.m.

Present: Pam Kane\*, Claire Galkowski\*, Maria Constantini\*, Steve Olanoff, Julie Gervais

\* Appointed Member

- Review of minutes - Pam will revise for details and will send out for vote next month

- BYOB bylaw - Maria has been away and has not had much opportunity to work on the bylaw - Maria has discussed with the Girl Scouts - Pam will discuss with the LWV to see if they want to work on it with us - Julie suggested we look into the Green Network - Maria has already been to some meetings - Julie will take the lead on forming a separate committee to explore a plastic ban bag - the goal is to work on a presentation to the selectmen - we should do the survey before the presentation - We should have at least 200 people for the survey numbers - Julie will set it up on survey monkey - We will put up signs around - Pam will put out two signs

- Spring recycling day, Pam, Claire, Julie will be there, Emmy will come late - we will also survey the people in line.

Community Choice Aggregation - allows consumers (town) to choose who provides their power source -Eversource provides power from a standard source - residents will then have to opt out is they want to stay with the standard source - it is a good way to promote renewable energy - usually 5% more than the current requirements - renewable energy but the town can look into more - would help us meet the Green Communities requirements - we will ask Tom Philbin to get involved must be approved by town meeting

- Julie talked about pesticides on the school grounds - Steve suggested we contact the Con Com to find out if they had permission to spray the fields or the areas near wetlands - all schools must file a plan regarding pest management - Pam will email Caron Citrone to see is they had permission from the Con Com - How close to the wetlands are they spraying

-Recycling contamination issues - Claire is still trying to get through to Brendan

- Pam spoke with Nicole about Westwood day - we can set up a central table but would need to find the staff ourselves - Steve suggested two or three locations with large signs for visibility

- Next meeting - 5/22/18

Meeting adjourned 9:14 p.m.