

Location and time: Westwood Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Members in attendance: Maria Costantini (Chair), Stephen Harte (Vice Chair), Kate LaCroix,

Others in attendance: Kate Doyle, Westwood Elementary School Science Coordinator

Routine Business

Approval of minutes. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum

Topics Discussed

1. Recap of town meeting.

- WEAC chair will get in touch with the Energy Manager and the Town Manager to discuss the next steps in the Community Electricity Aggregation program.

2. Bring Your Own Bag Month

- Developed a calendar of Get Caught With The Bag (GCWTB) events (Lamberts, Michaels, Roche Brothers, Target, and Wegmans) and of members that will participate in each event. The weekly schedule will be posted on the WEAC Facebook page.

3. Presentation by Kate Doyle

- New standards for science include a section on earth and human footprint. She would like to start new initiatives addressing waste streams and applied for a grant to the Westwood Education Foundation for developing a composting program at the elementary schools. Currently there is a pilot composting program at two schools that involve comparing two composting methods. WEAC's role could be to publicize the cost of waste, help improve recycling in the schools, and involve students in some activities.

4. Recycling at Westwood Day

- Maria reported on the meeting with Recreation Department staff to discuss trash and recycling at the event and the ban of helium balloons. The staff is interested in working with WEAC. WEAC would develop a recycling plan for discussion and present it to the staff and communicate with DPW about the containers needed and their location. Discussion of the recycling plan was postponed to the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be on the 13th of June at 7:30 p.m.

