

The June 13, 2017, meeting opened at 3:01.

Present were Marj Wexler (Chair), Richard Allen, Susan Bachelder, Corinna Barnard, Robin Goldberg, Juliette Haas, and Pat Konecky.

Minutes of the 5/10/17 meeting were approved.

Discussion of Paris Climate Agreement: Governor Baker signed a statement urging the Trump administration to maintain the nation's commitment to the Paris climate accord. Juliette brought to us a statement that she would like to present to the Selectboard, stating that Egremont will continue to support clean, renewable energy; energy conservation; solid waste reduction; and good recycling practices. Pat noted the Massachusetts Power Forward (www.MAPowerForward.com) campaign, whose goal is for all cities & towns to obtain 100% of their energy, municipal and residential, from renewable sources. EGC discussed whether the Power Forward ideas could be incorporated into Juliette's statement. Pat (and others?) will attend Power Forward's "Senate Clean Energy Future Tour" on Monday. EGC voted that Juliette should take her statement to the BoS for endorsement (6 yea, 1 abstention).

Report on Berkshire Green Committees Network: Pat reported that the next meeting will be on solar initiatives, on July 24.

Sustainability Coordinator: Juliette reported that NatGrid is willing to replace Egremont's 34 sodium streetlights with LED ones. Advantages of the LEDs: less energy used (so cost savings to the town), and directional lighting. Disadvantage: The Kelvin will rise from 2300 (sodium bulb) to 4000 for the LEDs, which is in the "natural white" range, but not in the "warm white" range recommended by IDA. Conclusion was not reached.

Berkshire Edge articles: Corinna talked with David Scribner, editor. Our first article will be introductory, a group effort signed by Marj. Future topics: Paris agreement, environmental justice, zero waste, etc. Susan will write on the history of fabric recycling, Richard on the financial effects of lowering the weight/volume of trash sent to the MRF and landfills. There could be Q&As or advice, such as "Don't use bittersweet in wreaths" in the fall. After a discussion of whether to bring in the political, the conclusion was to keep it positive and inspiring.

*Meeting adjourned 3:59 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, **July 11, 4:00 PM.***

Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec'y