

The July 11, 2017, meeting opened at 4:01.

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

Minutes of the 6/13/17 meeting were approved.

Plastic Film Recycling campaign: The “brochure” didn’t make it into the last tax bill, so we will try to get it into the next.

Berkshire Edge articles: Corinna suggested that we supply a generic image that could be used for all of our articles. (Not resolved.) As it stands, the articles will be archived under the author’s byline. Corinna will ask David Scribner whether they could be archived under “Egremont Green Committee.” For our next deadline (7/30), Corinna will do a follow-up of the first article, announcing that we exceeded the “under 400 tons” goal. Possible angles will be how much trash per household, compared with the same statistic for neighboring towns. The next deadline (8/30) will be Pat’s, on the Paris agreement and the Berkshire Green Committees Network. Susan will be next (9/30) with her historical rag-and-bone-men article. Robin and Marj will edit each, all EGC members will see final articles, and the author will have the final word.

100% Renewable Energy campaign: The 350 Mass group is supporting this national movement, and we’d like to also. We’ll discuss next time, after we all study the <http://www.mapowerforward.com/> website. We will discuss taking it to the Selectboard for their support.

Report on Berkshire Green Committees Network: The next meeting, on solar initiatives, will be July 24.

Egremont’s 242nd birthday celebration: Susan said it will be Aug 26, Saturday, at 11:30 AM at the Meeting House (aka SoEg Congregational Church), with a short ceremony honoring people retiring this year from their official town duties. There will be a pot luck luncheon to follow. (Contact Mary Brazie for details.) The Town is invited to join, and birthday cake will be offered with compostable dessert plates and forks/spoons provided by the EGC. This is an outreach opportunity for the Town’s boards to present themselves, their activities, and their purposes to the citizens of Egremont. EGC will print out our mission statement (see below).

*Meeting adjourned 5:00 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, **August 8, 4:00 PM.***

Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec’y

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Egremont Green Committee to promote community awareness of green issues. Through education outreach services and projects designed to broaden our understanding and lessen the impact of environmental threats, the EGC will strive to demonstrate that the efforts of every individual make a difference, and that community-wide efforts will result in a brighter environmental future both locally and globally. Areas of attention will include recycling efforts to reduce the amount of material dumped in landfills or burned, the exploration of renewable energy projects, the reduction of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases, clean air initiatives, and both energy and water conservation.