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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: White, Grabe, Butusov, Saltes and Gottwald.
- 2) Consent Agenda
Motion by Gottwald, second by Saltes to recommend approval. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of February 27th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Sustain Dane Climate Anxiety Breakfast Slides and Information
 - c. Adopt a Municipality Reports
Gottwald reported on Stoughton having both a Sustainability Committee and a separate 501 (c)(3) called Sustainable Stoughton. White reported on the McFarland Urban Forestry Management Plan, No Mo May program, net zero public safety facility and Gold SolSmart designation. White
 - d. Review and approve Mount Horeb Mail Column: Prescription Drug Take Back
 - e. Solsmart Update
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Discussion on Increasing Cycling in Mount Horeb
White reported for Jocelyn Vande Velde. Vande Velde has made contact with the Bike Federation who agreed that testing a school bike train in May for a launch in fall was a good idea. The Bike Federation can supply some resources.
 - b. Discussion on Green Team

The Committee continued discussion of the formation of a Green Team. There was consensus that this is still an idea worth considering, but that there remained many unknowns. Grabe and Butusov talked about involvement of students. The Committee will look into such groups in other municipalities and report back for more discussion at the next meeting.

- c. Debrief on Wastewater Treatment Facility Tour
White, Grabe and Saltes toured with John Klein on March 23. White asked about making a video tour to post to share information on the award-winning facility. Saltes will draft a newspaper column about the facility to coincide with the timing of Klein's retirement.
 - d. Update on Middle School Native Plant Project
Grabe and Butusov reported that the project is on track for planting in May. Before then the soil will need sampling.
 - e. Discussion on Carbon Sequestering Presentation at Mount Horeb Public Library
Grabe wrote a newspaper column on the April 16th event and submitted it. The program is in partnership with the Mount Horeb Public Library. Either Saltes or Butusov will introduce the program.
 - f. Discussion on Composting Program and Article
Discussed under previous item.
 - g. Discussion on Idling Reduction Campaign
White reported he spoke with Aubree Hanks of MHASK. Hanks is interested in partnering on a campaign to launch for the fall to reduce idling at the schools.
 - h. Discussion on WPPI Regional Power Dinner, April 24th
White announced that the dinner will be at Buck and Honey's in Mount Horeb. Committee members should reach out to Nic Owen if they want to attend.
 - i. Review Draft Guide for Recycling Materials
Grabe prepared a guide about the types and recyclability of plastics. The committee discussed bringing more attention to reducing the usage of single-use plastics.
- 4) Future Agenda Items
Strategic plan review, Green Team discussion and report out, debrief on library event, updates on idling and bee keeping.
- 5) Meeting adjournment.
Motion by Butusov to adjourn, second by Grabe. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.