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STOUGHTON ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2023

The Committee held a meeting at Town Hall on January 4, 2023 commencing at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Nathan Cleveland, Chair, David Billo, Vice-Chair, and members Arthur Rigor da Eva and Molly Cochran. (Around 7:30 pm, member Richard Scardina joined the meeting.)

Dave reported about his information-gathering concerning the TAP grant sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council ("MAPC"). (Stoughton is in the Three Rivers Initiative sub-region of MAPC). The grant process is open January 16 on a rolling admission basis. The idea would be to get grant approval for support for the work of creating a Climate Action Plan for the town. The support would not be financial, but would be assistance in the work. MAPC could help run the meetings and write the report. Dave's discussions with MAPC were very positive concerning the idea of helping Stoughton in this regard. Dave will reach out to Pam McCarthy concerning the grant application; the Committee would spearhead filling out the application for Pam's signature.

Molly reported that the article she had drafted for appointment of a town Climate Action Plan Committee would be included in the warrant for spring Town meeting. It was agreed that the article and the MAPC grant application would dovetail nicely.

As to the Page St. recycling facility, Nathan did not hear back from the town. He will reach out to the DPW director about finding out who operates the facility.

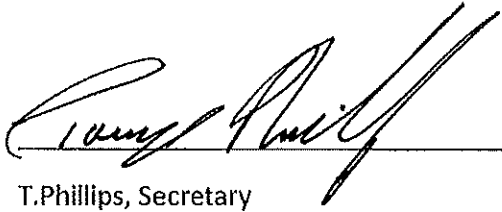
Arthur reported that he had emailed the Northeast Resource Recovery Association ("NRRA") about Stoughton recycling and the Page Street facility, but the NRRA wrote back that they currently only deal with municipalities. Arthur noted that none of the apartments or condos in town participate in the Town recycling, and that it is very costly to pay to have recycling picked up for those residents. Page Street is not set up to sort recyclables properly; if it were better set up perhaps more people would take recycling to Page Street and the Town could even get ahead financially if pre-sorted recyclables could be picked up from Page Street.

Once the Committee figures out who operates Page Street, perhaps they could connect the Town with NRRA.

Nathan has been trying to update the Committee page on the Town website with limited success, as the editing is restricted to adding in information. He will reach out to the Town's IT staff regarding getting the ability to edit the website.

With respect to the Committee's planned community outreach event scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2023 at the Library, Molly reported that she had secured Mass Audubon to speak (for a fee) and was working on other speakers.

The Committee adjourned around 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023.



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T. Phillips, Secretary

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Date