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STOUGHTON ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 5, 2023

The Committee held a meeting at the Library on April 5, 2023 commencing at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Nathan Cleveland, Chair, Dave Billo, Vice-Chair, and members Arthur Rigor da Eva, Tony Phillips, and Molly Cochran. The Committee approved the meeting minutes for March 15, 2023, as amended.

Arthur handed out a SEMASS graph breaking down the waste stream in Massachusetts by material group. It was noted that there is a substantial amount of compostable organics in the waste stream. The use of the Page St. facility was discussed. Nathan stated that he would reach out to multiple people with the Town and follow up on issues relating to recycling.

Turning to the April 15<sup>th</sup> Library event on climate change, Dave reported that Abington Bank agreed to sponsor the event by donating \$500. Dave is also waiting to hear back from Eastern Bank, which also indicated that it would be making a donation. Dave had spoken to Bill Rowe, the town accountant, who said that in order to accept donations, typically a Committee would go to the Selected Board and ask them to accept the donation on the Town's behalf.

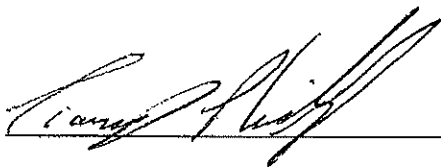
Dave indicated and the Committee agreed that it would offer Tem Blessed an honorarium for speaking in the same amount that's been paid to MassAudubon. (The third speaker, Prof. Poynton, declined any honorarium.) The Committee discussed applying the remainder of the donated funds, including for the purchase of pastries. It was agreed to reimburse Molly for the cost of the Committee banner, which will make its debut at the event.

There was additional discussion about publicizing the event, including through Facebook and other social media. Arthur offered to bring more flyers to the Library. Tony indicated that he would reach out to Trish Shropshire about posting the event on the Town website. The Committee discussed the logistics as to the Library event presentations, including order of speakers, arrangement of the room and so forth.

With respect to the Committee's ability to receive donations, it was determined that the Committee should speak to Bill Rowe about having a Town account dedicated to the activities of the Committee in place, so that this account could collect and disperse funds for events.

Dave informed the Committee of a webinar presented by the Environmental Business Council on April 12<sup>th</sup> titled Actionable Climate Action Plans. He suggested that Committee members could sign up at the non-profit rate.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Library on April 19, 2023.



T. Phillips, Secretary

7.5.23

Date