Sharon Energy and Environment Commission Thursday February 25, 2016 - Sharon Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Fuhr at 8:00 a.m. at the Sharon Town Hall. Those present from the SEEC were Sarah Coon, Kathleen Fuhr, Oscar Martinez, and Lyn Mattoon and Michael Tesoro. Absent: Roger Liddell. Also in attendance: LeTisha Brazee & Lisa Selino.

I. Approve minutes from January 21, 2016 meeting The January 21, 2016 minutes were approved.

II. Other Business - part 1 - Lisa & LeTisha

After reading our meeting minutes, LeTisha Brazee and Lisa Selino brought their concerns to the Commission about trash along Sharon's roads and expressed a desire to organize Sharon residents to clean up. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that SEEC will organize a trash cleanup event for Earth Day, 2016 – April 24, 2016. LeTisha and Lisa are going to investigate the Adopt-A-Highway program. Sarah is going to contact the Sharon Park and Recreation Commission to see if we could combine our efforts with their Earth Day Clean up. Lyn is going to investigate purchasing reflective vests and gloves.

III. Bright Idea Grant

Kathleen reported that the Board of Selectman is considering replacing the furnace at 67 Main. The Sharon Center School has a large list of projects that will improve energy efficiency at the school. Kathleen is going to speak with Brent to try to get a final decision about what project to pursue because the deadline for the grant is April, 2016.

IV. Publicity

Lyn Mattoon is going to do a press release that will remind Sharon residents that Kill-A-Watts are available to borrow from the Hotchkiss Library if someone wants to determine how much electricity their appliances are consuming.

V. Other Business – part 2

Michael Tesoro reported that the pig farm on Jackson Hill Road will contain a slaughterhouse and will investigate further what environmental issues may arise from this practice.

The use of radon detecting devices was discussed. Rather than offering the device that has to be calibrated each year, SEEC is going to investigate the purchase of radon testing kits for Sharon residents.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

The next SEEC meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2016

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 AM

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah Coon, Secretary