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Sharon Energy and Environment Commission Meeting Minutes

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March 10, 2022 at 5PM

In attendance: Lyn Mattoon, Jan Dudek, Katy Kinsolving, Oscar Martinez, Michael Nadeau, Doug Rick. Absent: Roger Liddell.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2022.** Doug motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. All voted to approve.
2. **Update on the solar project**
 - MAP program for solar project near the Sharon Center School has been approved by the selectmen and is awaiting a title search.
 - CT Green Bank will do title search.
3. **Town Hall Parking Lot Drainage Plan**
 - Mike sent Selectman Brent Colley an email 2/28 to set up meeting with parking lot engineer. There was no response. Mike sent Brent information on North Canaan Municipal Parking lot which has installed a new bio-infiltration project. Mike called him again today, 3/10/22. Lyn will also follow up with Brent.
4. **Pollinator Pathway Event** *How to Plant a Pollinator Friendly Garden* will be held on June 18 at 10 am Sharon Audubon. Mike and Katy to present.
5. **Town Clean Up Day:** Publicity, routes for road clean-up were discussed. The date is April 23. Last year 20 people showed up. Routes were discussed. Oscar suggested getting a map of Sharon, highlighting primary routes and 'secondary' routes. Publicize in Sharon Newsletter and
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon
Town Newsletter
Maria Horn's Office
Next Door and
FB NW Corner

In addition to trash collectors, ask for volunteer with pickup to pick up the bags and take them to the dump.

6. **Waste Issues:** Lyn brought up Terracycle and suggested asking the Sharon Pharmacy to have recycling bins for Terracycle/ Bic pens / Colgate. There was a discussion about Nespresso pods recycling program. Mike asked about the status of the composting program at the transfer station; for the moment it will continue, although it is very expensive.

7. **Newsletter.** Topics for the next newsletter:
 - Clean Up Day
 - Residential Solar (Doug)
 - Pollinator Program

8. **Sharon Fair in August/** First Weekend in August. Enlarge our scope!
 - Push pollinators and yard clean up best practices.
 - Perhaps team up with Litchfield Solar. Solar panel sitting on the table
 - Have info on how to reduce costs at the pump.
 - Ideas on reducing waste. Information on how to compost.

9. **New Business:** Mike gave a report on trees. Bill 117 moving through CT legislative process. The bill changes the way that DEEP can mark a tree as hazardous. If it passes, in future, DEEP will need an arborist and a forest ecologist to concur that a tree is hazardous before removing it. If they cannot decide then a third party will be brought in. Craig Miner sponsored the bill. Housatonic Preservation Action Group, helped to craft the bill. There is also a restoration movement to restore the trees that were taken down. HPAG has a design/ plan and is meeting with DEEP. Finally, Mike is writing up a new forest management plan for DEEP, with a focus on less management, leaving old growth trees.

There being no other business, Lyn called for adjournment, Katy seconded, and all voted to adjourn. The meeting ended at 6 pm.

THE NEXT SEEC MEETING IS APRIL 14, at 5PM