

## Minutes from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC)

Town Hall, February 8, 2016, 7 PM.

Present: Susan Blacklow, Julia Craighill, Francis Kline, Jay Endleman, Gabrielle Fontana, Elizabeth MacDonald, Cindy Tewksbury, Vicky Taplin, Sarah Brophy

Absent: Paul Magnusson, Barney Rush, Chandrani Ghosh

The committee discussed the plant exchange and whether it should be coordinated with trash and treasures. The organizers of the very successful plant exchange from last year suggested that this would not be a good idea because trash and treasures is a very busy time at the Leland center and the timing would therefore not be right.

The committee also discussed the possibility of having the forecast be done only electronically. Part of the difficulty that was discussed was how to make sure that new residents are aware of the newsletter if the default is that it will be done electronically. Other members of the committee expressed a preference for the paper version of the forecast.

The committee discussed the possibility of doing outreach for composting: part of the discussion centered around how to advertise the services and assuage people's concerns about how the service worked (for example, that it was easy to manage and that the composting bins closed tightly so that animals could not get in).

The committee also discussed the possibility of doing a solicitation from the town on how to reduce your trash and whether it would be possible to solicit ideas from the community at large as to ways people have reduced their trash. There was additional discussion of where to drop off medicines and whether the committee could publicize the date at which the Village accepts drop off of medicines. The committee also discussed whether trash and treasures could have a battery recycling depot and whether and when smoke alarms would need to be replaced and if they could be recycled.

The committee adjourned at 8:45 pm.