

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JULY 1, 2021

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ROLL CALL

Dr. Philip Busey	P
Adrienne Kaltman, Vice Chair	P
Cynthia Schaefer	A
Jeremy Wehby, Chair	P
Scott Weinstein	A

STAFF PRESENT

Lise Bazinet, Planner II
Lorraine Robinson, Secretary
Stephen Bush, Fleet Manager

Chair Wehby called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 April 1, 2021 meeting

Motion made by Dr. Busey, seconded by Chair Wehby, to approve the minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. (3-0 with Ms. Schaefer and Mr. Weinstein absent)

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Electric Vehicle Fleet Update Stephen Bush, Fleet Manager

Mr. Bush provided an update on the electrification of the fleet. Hybrid vehicles have been added to the police department which has provided fuel efficiency. The addition of electric trucks is planned for 2023 once the technology is available. Heavy equipment is beginning to be electrified.

Dr. Busey asked about field maintenance equipment. Mr. Bush stated that type of equipment being electrified is slower in being produced.

Dr. Busey asked if there was a cost saving for electric vehicles. Mr. Bush said that there are positive and negatives. He stated the life cycle of the battery pack is about 10 years which reduces the resale value. There are savings in maintenance costs.

Ms. Kaltman asked if the Town continues to prefer purchase over lease. Mr. Bush responded that leasing was more costly.

There was discussion on the details of electric with cost and maintenance.

Ms. Kaltman stated there was CleanEnergy.org and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy which has tool kits for municipalities.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Solar Initiative (Wehby)

Deferred to next meeting.

4.2 Recycling Yard Waste (Discussion Item)

Deferred to next meeting.

4.3 Sustainability Education (Discussion Item)

Deferred to next meeting.

4.4 Sustainability Survey (Discussion Item)

Dr. Busey wanted to revisit the survey and using a title that easily describes what the topic covers. He suggested alternative titles such as Earth Care or Conservation. He feels that the public does not understand what sustainability means.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. To invite staff from the Police Mounted Unit to discuss manure disposal.
2. Solar Initiative (Wheby)
3. Recycling Yard Waste (Discussion Item)
4. Sustainability Education (Discussion Item)
5. Sustainability Survey (Busey)

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Bazinet reminded the committee provide of the Sustainability Awards selection for the next meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – n/a

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member