



MINUTES
for the
City of Fitchburg
Resource Conservation Commission
February 16, 2015 Meeting

RCC and Staff Members Present: Steve Arnold, Kia Stearn, Diane Streck, Chris Jimieson, Jan Kucher, Samuel Cooke, Rick Eilertson, Erika Kluetmeier

Others Present: Sherrie Gruder, UW-Extension Sustainable Design Specialist

Absent: Tony Hartmann

1. Call to Order

- Diane called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Appointment of Timekeeper

- Kia Stearn was appointed Timekeeper.

3. Public Appearances on Non-Agenda Items

- None

4. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2014, RCC Meeting

- *Sam moved to approve the Minutes, Kia seconded.* Sam and Diane passed around minor grammatical suggested revisions. *The Minutes were approved as amended.*

5. New Business

5.a. Strategic Planning Discussion with Sherrie Gruder

- Sherrie provided an overview of The Natural Step management system and planning process as well as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) framework for sustainable local governments, both of which are comprehensive, integrated approaches to managing sustainability in an organization.
- The group viewed UW-Extension's video, *Power Through Partnerships: Brown County and the Oneida Tribe Working Toward Energy Independence*, at <http://energyonwi.uwex.edu/video/power-through-partnerships-brown-county-and-oneida-tribe-working-toward-energy-independence>.
- Sherrie suggested starting small and creating a strategic plan to meet Fitchburg's 25 x 25 Pledge (Wisconsin's 25 x 25 Plan for Energy Independence) which would include energy conservation, efficiency and independence. Sherrie strongly encouraged involving community stakeholders in the planning process. She also mentioned the possibility of using Tech School or Urban Planning students to assist. Sherrie offered additional help with the planning process..
- Diane recommended waiting until May and consider working on a plan to accomplish 25 x 25 goal if the mayor is supportive.

5.b. Volunteer Stream Monitoring/Sampling Discussion

- RCC recommended continuing to monitor Nine Springs Creek at Anderberg Drive, possibly rotating responsibility for monthly monitoring among RCC members and community volunteers.
- **Action item: Rick and Erika will solicit community volunteers through articles in *Fitchburg Star*, *Green E- Blasts* and website.**

6. Staff Update

6.a. Solid Waste Update

- The Electronics Recycling, Shred, and Clean Sweep events are confirmed for May 9th.

6.b. Stormwater Update

- Rick mentioned that a draft of Fitchburg's biennial 2013-2014 Stormwater Report was included in the packet and will be submitted to DNR at the end of March. RCC members may forward any comments to Rick.

6.c. Sustainability Update

- Since the primary audience for the Green Complete Streets event is municipal staff, consulting professionals and neighborhood associations, the event will be held during the workday with FACTv taping the event for residents who may be interested.
- Once Bernie is confirmed and the library room is reserved, marketing will begin. The time change needs to be sent to The Green Tuesdays and Thursdays program coordinator and the Isthmus.
- COS will evaluate moving Green Thursday events to second or third Thursday of the month.
- **Action items:**
 - **Erika will contact Bernie Lenz to confirm the event for 3:00-4:30 p.m. on April 9th.**
 - **Erika will contact the library to reserve room A/B.**

7. Announcements

- Diane will present RCC's 2014 Annual Report and 2015 Calendar of Events and Workplan to the Common Council on Feb. 24th.
- Diane's term as RCC Chair is up in April. RCC will elect a new chair in May since there is no meeting in April.

7.a. Next Meeting

- Monday, March 16, 2015 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

8. Adjournment – 9:13 p.m.