

Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: Committee Co-Chairs Brian Borchardt and Carol Kasimor, and Committee members Dennis Kittel, Kent Powley, Dave Rause, and Jim Wise. **Also Present:** Kate Hancock-Cooke, 216 Bosworth Court, Danae Steele, 428 Ninth Street, and Jill Hirosekey, 1085 Memorial Court, Neenah.

Approval of meeting minutes:

MSC Wise, Kittel, the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

Discuss Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act:

Kate Hancock-Cooke discussed the work of the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) and the impact of climate change. H.R.2307, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act proposes to charge a fee on fossil fuels at the source, and return 100% of net revenue to households as a dividend. U.S. carbon emissions are anticipated to be reduced by 40% in 12 years & 90% in 30 years. Net jobs are expected to increase by 2.1 million in 10 years, and 295,000 lives expected to be saved in the first 10 years from rapid reductions in air pollution. The bill is expected to drive down carbon pollution, bring climate change under control, and the CCL finds it to be effective, good for people, good for the economy, and revenue neutral. Former Alderperson Danae Steele and resident Jill Hirosekey also spoke in support of the bill.

Committee members inquired about various aspects of the proposal, including the impact on lower income households, the incentive to change to other fuel sources, actions by other countries, and the dividend proposed to be passed through to households.

Additional information will be provided regarding the text of the bill and the impact on local municipalities.

Discussion of education and information projects:

Committee members are developing ideas for Neenah Farm Market education.

Announcements and future agenda items:

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will continue to be discussed.

Adjournment: MSC Rause, Preissner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner