## Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee Wednesday, April 12, 2017 6:00 p.m.

<u>Present:</u> Committee members Pamela Barnes, Laurie Case, Adam Festge, Michael Kading, Co-Chair Carol Kasimor, Co-Chair Christopher Kunz, Josh Preissner, and Olivia Witthun.

## Approve minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting:

MSC Case, Festge, the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

## Public Appearances: No public appearances.

## Discussion of 2017 education and information activities:

The ordinance allowing honey beekeeping was approved by the Common Council. We have ordered mason bees to be placed in the bee houses purchased in 2016.

The Wild Ones organization will not be holding rain barrel workshops this spring. The committee has offered rebates for the past several years to residents who participate in the workshops and build rain barrels for their properties. Other opportunities for education and building rain barrels will be explored.

Carol Kasimor reported that a request for proposals for grants from the Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation was received. Communities that have passed energy independence resolutions and/or are part of the Department of Natural Resources Green Tier program are eligible. The Common Council approved Resolution No. 7301 in 2008 supporting energy independence goals.

Committee members discussed various grant opportunities and for what needs applications will be made. The energy analysis update will be used to determine needs; solar energy and tree planting were discussed as possible projects.

Adjournment: MSC Kunz, Preissner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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