

**AGENDA**  
**SUSTAINABLE NEENAH COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Hauser Committee Room and GoToMeeting**  
**211 Walnut Street, Neenah**  
**City Administration Building**

**This meeting will occur in-person and at a virtual location accessed by computer or conference call. Committee members and the public who wish to participate via GoToMeeting should use the following web link/call-in information:**

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**Access Code: 198-444-405**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Public Appearances. (Ten minutes divided among those wishing to speak on topics pertinent to the Sustainable Neenah Committee.)
- 3) Approve minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting.
- 4) Discuss City of Neenah residential gardening and related structures.
- 5) Discuss Education/Information projects.
  - A) Rain Barrel project
  - B) Farmers Market presentations
  - C) Special Event Recycling
- 6) Approval of expenditures.
- 7) Announcements and future agenda items.

*“Our mission is to identify and foster economically feasible energy conservation and efficiency measures; to promote recycling, waste reduction, and use of renewable resources; to increase public awareness and access to new and existing sustainability programs and services; and to be conscientious stewards of our city.”*

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**Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Council Chambers, City Administration Building  
and GoToMeeting**

**Present:** Committee Co-Chairs Alderman Cari Lendrum and Carol Kasimor, and Committee members Dennis Kittel, Kent Powley, Merrie Schamberger, and Jim Wise. (Five in attendance in the Council Chambers, one in attendance via GotoMeeting.) **Also Present:** Tim and Laura Stuebs, 226 Lorraine Avenue, Neenah.

**Public appearances:** Tim Stuebs expressed his support for urban farming and his desire to change the Neenah Zoning Code to allow larger structures used for this purpose in residential areas.

**Approval of minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting:**

MSC Kittel, Powley the minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed. (Wise abstained.)

**Discussion of Education/Information projects:**

**Rain Barrel project:**

Jim Wise suggested that rain barrel fixture kits that he had researched be ordered to provide a demonstration with 1 or 2 of the barrels the committee obtained for the project. Committee members concurred and recommended the event be held at the July 29<sup>th</sup> Farmer's Market to be followed up with a workshop for residents at a later date.

**Farmers Market presentations:**

June 17 – Pollinator information: 82 pots were planted by attendees with seedlings started by Merrie and Dennis (65 were planted in 2022.) Merrie and Dennis estimated that they connected with 250 adults and children with the presentation. Donated seed packets, stickers and other items were also distributed.

July 22 – Recycling information to be presented by Kent. Composting may be included.

July 29 – Rain barrels

August 5 - Solar energy information to be presented by Kent and Appleton Solar.

August 19 – Biking information to be presented by Dennis, with sponsorship assistance by Dave Rause and Valley Management Inc.

**Special Event Recycling:**

Kent Powley reported that the Greenville Lions have recycling bins available for events. There was also discussion about the Better Bins application that reads UPC codes for better recycling compliance and the pros and cons of aluminum cups substituted for plastic cups at events.

**Approval of Expenditures:**

MSC Kittel, Powley, expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$100 were approved for the rain barrel project.

Dennis Kittel provided receipts for pollinator event expenses which had previously been approved.

**Announcements and future agenda items:**

Urban agriculture

Projects being undertaken by other area sustainability committees

Rain Barrel project

Recycling and composting at special events

Branding ideas

Strategic Planning

**Adjournment:** MSC Kittel, Wise, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner