

**Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

**GoToMeeting and Hauser Committee Room, City Administration Building**

**Present on GoToMeeting:** Committee Co-Chair Brian Borchardt and Committee members Dennis Kittel, David Rause, and Jim Wise. **Present in-person:** Co-Chair Carol Kasimor and Committee member Merrie Schamberger. **Also Present:** Carol Morley, Carla Paul-Mulvey, and Shelly Murphy.

**Public Appearances:**

Carol Morley, Carla Paul-Mulvey, and Shelly Murphy introduced themselves and expressed their ideas for sustainability in the community.

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

MSC Borchardt, Rause, the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Discussion of Pollinator Education:**

Committee members discussed an education effort this spring to promote the increase of pollinators. Merrie reported that there are many resources to assist with this, and she can provide articles for in the Neenah News on a monthly basis to inform residents how they can take small steps in sustainability. Other outlets for information include the City newsletter, Facebook, and website. The City water bill was also suggested as means to provide information. Members suggested that residents see a sustainability message consistently, such as a monthly theme that information can be provided on.

Brian suggested that the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on April 29 could be an opportunity to provide Sustainable Neenah information. A meeting will be scheduled before the next regular meeting to do additional planning.

**Discussion of 2022 initiatives:**

Committee members discussed the sponsorship of the Neenah Farmer's Market and programs that can be presented, including making rain barrels, encouraging biking, and pollinator gardening. A program to include recycling and kitchen composting is also recommended.

MSC Borchardt, Wise, the Committee approved sponsorship of the Neenah Farmer's Market in the amount of \$1,000, to include 5 Saturday market presentations.

Initial presentations will be held on June 11, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** MSC Wise, Borchardt, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner