



Minutes
Green Committee
Wednesday, 11/18/15, 7:00PM
City Hall Conference Rm.

Members: Dan Belliveau, Ken Camera, Adam Maurer, John Vanderweide, Anne Hoyt, Jim Norwalk, Larry Campbell, Jeff Henderson.

Public:

Invited Guests: Tarah Rouse - Visiting Prof. HWS - Env. Studies

1. HWS' Capstone Program has offered to collaborate with the City and the Town on a sustainability project for next semester. Prof. Tarah Rouse, a visiting Prof. of Env. Studies attended the meeting and presented the Colleges offer to work on a project that could be mutually beneficial.

She explained the approach that Capstone takes by requiring development of three activities:

- Writing
- Methods
- Service.

She and her colleague Prof. Robin Lewis will lead the study and will require three structured meeting with members of the *GGC* who wish to participate and provide feedback and guidance during the course of the semester.

Possible topics for the Capstone study included:

- Various permutations of solid waste planning
- Seneca Lake watershed promotion
- Local recycling law and permitting structure
- Leveraging Zotos wind power for the City

2. *Geneva Green Committee (GGC) energy subcommittee requests with be meeting with the City Manager to review the Carbon Footprint Report and start to identify which specific projects and activities performed in the City during the study period (2011-2013) led to the energy savings and carbon savings that were reported. The purpose of this session is to assist the subcommittee to link savings to projects and measures taken and to also encourage City Staff to think about other projects that could be undertaken in their departments in the near future for the next update of the report in 2016. Larry has this meeting scheduled with Matt on November 30 and will hopefully be able to arrange some follow up meetings on which he can report at our next meeting.*

3. **Recycling and material information brochure** for City and Town residents and businesses. (Everyone)

Members of the *GGC* undertook homework regarding sources for recycling and reusing of material. **Here is how far we have gotten so far:**

- Batteries for hand-held devices - hazardous waste, thru Casella at the Ontario Cty Landfill (bi-annually)
- Car batteries - all automobile repair/parts stores typically accept car old batteries in exchange for purchasing a new unit. Without a purchase drop offs may cost \$5-\$10 per unit. Scrap yards may pay for old car batteries. (Dan B. is researching this a little more to get the most accurate estimate.)
- Electronics - Staples stores will accept almost any electronic devices that do not include cathode ray type display tubes. (ie no TVs)
- Old TV picture tubes - hazardous waste, Casella or RCR&R, Victor Mendon Rd., Victor, NY <http://www.regionalcomputerrecycling.com/>
- Paint - hazardous waste or mix with kitty litter and let dry out and it can be landfilled.

- CFL Bulbs - This is situation at Lowes (Ken needs to confirm about Walmart and others)
- Rechargeable batteries - Also at Lowes (see picture below)
- Plastic Bags - Lowes, Wegmans, Tops
- Coffee bags - Ken will find out about these.
- Engine fluids
 - Engine oil - all NYS automobile repair shops that do oil changes must accept oil from any one.
 - Transmission fluid - still need to find out about transmission fluid

We need to confirm that all gas stations take this stuff. Can people talk to a few more garages and get names and places??? Dan agreed to talk to a few more and get names and tel #s.

- Appliances - most appliance stores will accept old appliances if a new one is purchased, otherwise scrap metal yards Jim Norwalk agreed to check with Universal Appliance and possibly Discount Appliance to see what is typical local practice.....
- Car Tires - most tire stores will accept used tires for a fee of \$2-\$3. (Who wants to confirm with a sample of phone calls?????)
- Mercury thermostats - It is illegal to dispose of mercury thermostats in the trash. HVAC supply companies are required to take them back and dispose of properly. In our area IRR Supply (Lyons Rd.), Booth (Geneva), and HEP, Waterloo take mercury thermostats.
<http://www.thermostat-recycle.org/zipsearch/results/14456>
- Printer cartridges used - Staples provides recycling bags for home printer cartridges.
- Mattresses - (Anne is going to research)

- Tennis Balls. Seneca Lake Terrace and LCs at GGH (rehab) can be contacted to drop off used tennis balls.
 - Seneca Lake Terrace - Call first, 789-4168, speak to Cheryl
 - LV Rehab - Call first, Mary Grabbatin, 787-4735

We all agreed that we have to get more specific location data from all these sources to make sure that this info is verifiable and current. That means a tel. # and also name of the business.

The discussion also covered the idea that we need to pass this off to Julie Coleman at the GNRC to begin turning it into a brochure. Most members felt we were not yet at this point and needed to get more information about recycling and disposal points.

4. Geneva Solid Waste Management Plan (Ken)

Ken added information on the State Law that requires Municipalities to pass their own local laws mandating recycling. This requires modifications to the General Municipal Code of communities. His research reveals that Geneva still needs to do this even though the NYS law called for this in 1992.

Ken will do more follow-up on this.

5. Presentation Adam Maurer regarding the EV charging station on the HWS campus and potential funding opportunities through regional transportation organizations for Munis.

Adam reported the following items:

- There is a two bay unit installed in the Medbury parking lot.
- It cost approximately \$9K for the unit and \$4.1 K to install.
- HWS received a \$10 grant to do this from a regional transportation organization (Genesee?). This grant program has expired.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the City should install one at one of its downtown lots (perhaps the new one behind City Hall) but really no consensus that this is needed at this time.

6. Discussion of the City of Geneva's Comprehensive Plan (draft). Members of the GGC were urged to attend Public Hearings on the Comp Plan. Critical things to look for are what are the sustainable goals presented in the Plan and how can the GGC take up the challenge to make these happen?

People were not/ could not access the energy metrics report of the Draft Comp Plan even by looking on the web site. Adam/Larry are trying to get an electronic copy for circulation to the GGC.

7. Electronic Recycling event with the Town of Geneva.
Adam reported that his colleague Sarah Meyer is working with the Town of Geneva to plan and execute an electronic pickup early in January. The question was would the City be willing to participate and what would be entailed or needed to make a contribution to the event?

Adam is going to get more details and communicate to the Town that the City is interested and IDENTIFY the next steps.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE 3RD
WEDNESDAY OF DECEMBER, DEC 16, 2015
AT 7:00 PM.