

SUSTAINABILITY and ENERGY COMMISSION

Minutes

MONDAY, MAY 21ST, 2018

South Hadley Public Library – Trustees Meeting Room

Attendance: Nancy Apple (member), Michael Beauchemin (member), Robert Berwick (chair), Russell Fleury (vice-chair), John Howard (member)

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
- B. The April meeting minutes were approved.
- C. The group discussed South Hadley usage statistics for waste water, solid waste, and recycling.
 - a. Water District 1
 - i. 2016: 411.6 million gallons – 62 gallons daily per capita
 - ii. 2017: 370.7 million gallons – 57 gallons daily per capita
 - b. Water District 2
 - i. 2016: 156.9 million gallons – 53 gallons daily per capita
 - ii. 2017: 146.7 million gallons – 59 gallons daily per capita
 - c. Solid Waste
 - i. 2017: 2,864 tons of trash – 1,387 tons of recyclables
- D. The group discussed the proposed *Zero Energy Town Buildings Bylaw* that neighboring Amherst is considering.
- E. The group agreed to formally encourage the to-be-formed South Hadley Senior Center Building Committee to consider “green building” practices and sustainable energy in their plans.
- F. The group agreed to formally recommend to the Town Administrator that a weekly social media post on the South Hadley Facebook page should be made pertaining to sustainability and energy. These posts could also include links to non-commercial resources that help residents and businesses become more energy and resource efficient.
- G. Next Meeting will be held on Monday, June 18th, 2018 in the Library at 6:30 PM.
- H. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM