

## ROSENDALE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of April 13, 2023. Approved May 11, 2023

### *Present:*

Amie Worley, Chair

Darrell Hamlin, Vice Chair

Penny Coleman

Sean Nixon

Carrie Wykoff, Town Board Liaison

### *Excused:*

Susan Gillespie

Jenn Sturiale

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Quorum verified by Carrie Wykoff, the minutes from the meeting of March 9 were approved. The agenda for the April 13 meeting was approved as amended to facilitate participation of the board liaison to also attend another town meeting.

### Outreach and Education

Amie reported on the success of the first REC sponsored Seed Swap held at the municipal building. Approximately 40 persons participated, with emails collected for later communications use. Not limited to seeds – and with swaps not necessary -- the exchange element included resource, education and information for and from participants. Amie reported that she and Jenn believe the “sticker” identification system was effective, well-received, and socially connective. It was suggested that next year’s event should establish an entry location in the rear of the building, with advertising to commence a bit earlier.

There was some discussion of local Earth Day and May Day events, with no commitment for participation.

Carrie raised the possibility of formalized and scheduled REC involvement in the Rosendale Farmer’s Market opening on June 4. The following dates of representation by REC members was tentatively established: June 11 (Darrell); July 9 (Penny); August 13 (uncommitted); September 10 (Amie, Darrell).

There was discussion of possible Youth Center events to be scheduled with the group director and approved by the Town Board. There was also discussion of the creation of

a poster with cartoon elements to inform the public on RTS recycling needs and limitations.

#### NRI Completion

No formal report. Submission to Town Board pending.

#### Resolution of Endorsement of Third Thursdays

A resolution of endorsement for the work of Third Thursdays was introduced and approved, with Penny Coleman endorsed as a liaison with REC to keep us informed of their activities for possible collaboration and support.

#### Climate Smart Communities Task Force

A letter from REC to the Town Board indicating that REC had reviewed the Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory, with the recommendation that the Town Board adopt the document and upload to the town website was approved.

#### Solar Siting

Discussion with no formal report or action taken.

#### Tree Committee

Sean prompted discussion for an official proposal regarding trees along Route 213 between Keator and Binnewater. Discussion to be continued at May meeting.

REC's next scheduled meeting was confirmed as May 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.