

**Town of Menasha Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 5:30 p.m.
Town of Menasha
Municipal Complex
2000 Municipal Drive**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was called to order by Chair Dillon at 5:35 pm.

PRESENT: Chair Michael Dillon, Mr. Kris Koeppe, Mr. Maury Cox, Mr. James Wise, and Mr. Michael VanDyke

ABSENT: Mr. Dale McNamee and Mr. Bob Kohls

TOWN STAFF: Community Development Director George Dearborn, Associate Planner Ria Hull

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Wise, seconded by Mr. Koeppe, to approve the minutes of Aug. 11, 2009.

The motion carried with one correction.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 1 - Discussion of 2010 Sustainability Goals and Objectives for Town Budget

Mr. Cox asked whether the carbon footprint goal (Goal 3) was supposed to be for the whole town (residents, businesses, etc.) or just the municipal property. He asked if we should narrow the goal down.

Chair Dillon said that it would be a good idea to decide on boundaries. He said that he has already done a carbon footprint for the Town office complex. He said that we just need to communicate the results and develop a plan to reduce our footprint. He said that the Town should lead by example by being sustainable in its municipal operations.

Mr. Koeppe said that these goals and objectives are for the Town budget so they should focus on the municipal complex.

Mr. Dearborn said that he agreed with Mr. Koeppe.

Chair Dillon said that we need first to build sustainability into the culture at Town Hall and then we need to engage the residents. He said that Goal 5 is about creating an environment where all the committee members have the ability to step up and lead.

Item 2 - Endorse Letter of Support for Passenger Rail Initiatives

Mr. Dearborn said that the issue is that we need to have passenger rail connecting Milwaukee to Green Bay so that Green Bay and the Fox Valley don't miss out on economic opportunities. He said that he would draft a letter supporting a rail line from Milwaukee to Green Bay that the Committee can approve at the next meeting.

Item 3 - Pick Time and Location for The Natural Step Study Circles

The Committee decided to hold the Natural Step Study Circles at Town Hall in the Assembly Room at 5:30 beginning on September 29th.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chair Dillon said that there is a National Recycling Day on November 15. He suggested doing a presentation at a Town Board meeting in November about personal consumption choices.

Chair Dillon said that there will be a joint meeting of Fox Valley sustainability boards/committees in October.

A motion was made by Mr. Koeppe, seconded by Mr. VanDyke, to adjourn.

The motion carried. 6:45 p.m.