

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission

March 1, 2021

In attendance – Arye Janoff, Meredith DeMarco, Geoff Curtis, John Weber, Dan Leyes, Rona Parker, Charlie Kratovil (Food and Water Watch), Mayor Larry Fox

- 1.) Welcome
- 2.) Approval of February meeting minutes
 - a. Motion – Geoff
 - b. Second – Rona
- 3.) Presentation by Charlie Kratovil of Food and Water Watch re: 100% renewable energy aggregation ordinance
 - a. Community choice aggregation
 - i. Service stays the same
 1. Same utility bill
 2. Same transmission lines
 3. Same meters
 - ii. Source of electricity changes
 1. Third party electricity generation
 - a. Supplier is chosen by the towns
 2. More renewable energy
 3. More stable prices
 4. Savings through bulk purchase
 - b. Benefits
 - i. Savings for residents through bulk purchasing and competitive bidding
 - ii. Accelerates transition to 100% clean, renewable sources of electricity
 - iii. Provides more stability in energy prices
 - c. Clean energy transition
 - i. Minimum renewable standards by state is 21%
 1. This would bring us up to 30%
 2. 40% in 2022-23
 3. 50% in 2024-25
 - d. Can share with us the model ordinance already adopted by Red Bank
 - e. Our questions
 - i. We're following Red Bank's lead and will wait for their offer to decide if it's right for us
 1. Apprehensive to commit to 100% until we hear back from Red Bank
 - a. Council has the final say
 - ii. How would residents buy-in
 1. Residents would be automatically enrolled and have the chance to opt-out
 - a. Except for those already with renewables in their portfolio
 - iii. Reliability?
 1. Would still be on the same grid

- iv. We would be interested in seeing the ordinance and what other towns are already doing this
 - f. BBEC is in support of this
 - i. We've already committed to this (i.e., interested), but we have the option to back out if Red Bank (i.e., the energy consultant) comes back with something we don't like
- 4.) Old Business
 - a. BB Strategic Planning Commitments Update – how are we doing? Need help?
 - i. Environmental Resource inventory (due June)
 - 1. Could cover both flora and fauna
 - ii. Lake Stability and Standards report (due June)
 - iii. Community Gardens (due June)
 - 1. Will update in April's Commission Meeting
 - 2. Linda Curtis and Food Pantry has been working on this with the School
 - 3. Meredith and Liz' actions are more idea-based at this stage
 - iv. % of Shade Tree Coverage in conjunction with Shade Tree Commission (due June) – discussion: should our recommendation be that the Shade Tree Commission take on this project?
 - 1. We should back off and give them the latitude to get established and be independent (Rona)
 - 2. Our recommendation to the Strategic Planning Committee would be that the Shade Tree Commission would take on this study
 - b. Update on Recycle Coach – can we add plastic film (Liz)
 - i. Liz will update us at April BBEC meeting
 - c. Sustainable Jersey – update: We don't need to certify until 2022
 - d. Maritime Forest
 - i. Going well
 - ii. Small team meeting coming up
 - e. Sylvan Lake Update
 - i. We are going to be funded for Sylvan Lake planning
 - ii. State received proposal and we are finishing cost estimate with tentative project schedule
 - f. Plastic Film Recycling
 - i. How do we reinvigorate?
 - 1. Communications team is working on this
 - 2. Physical vs. virtual newsletter?
 - a. Start with virtual
 - 3. Liz is looking to add the plastic film program to the recycling coach
 - ii. Maybe we should have a press release on this w/ data on how much plastic film we've collected to date
 - iii. Should consider changing the pickup times
- 5.) New Business
 - a. Beach Sweeps April 17th, 2021
 - i. Spoke to COA (Allison); limited to 25 people

1. If BBEC Commissioners want to participate, Meredith will reserve our spots
 2. Will have 2 shifts
 3. Assign certain beach sections to each volunteer
 4. COA will provide bags and non-plastic gloves, PPE/masks/hand sanitizer
 5. Beach captains meeting next month
- b. Bradley Beach Green Fair – April 24th (Hours?)
- i. BB Tourism event
 - ii. Town offered for us to have a table
 - iii. In talks with Surfrider, COA, and Shade Tree Commission
 1. Will be in attendance to hand out flyers
 2. Handing out tree seedlings
 - iv. Library is putting together environmental education crafts
 - v. Opportunity to solicit volunteers; add them to mailing list
 - vi. Maybe just one person at the table; staff it in shifts
 - vii. Maybe provide information on the amount of plastic film we recycle? Would raise awareness to the issue
 1. Maybe hand out extra buckets DPW has?
 - viii. Maybe talk about our energy aggregation initiative
- 6.) Adjourn
- a. Motion – Geoff
 - b. Second – Dan