

YCC members in Attendance:

Jeff Normandin
Luke Conte
Mike Schambach
Mike Morgillo
Priscilla Cookson

Other Attendees:

N/A

Call to order at 7:00 PM

Meeting Notes

Reviewed notes from last meeting (Nov 7, 2016) and approved meeting minutes

- Mike S to get notes posted to town web site

Update on Conference attended by Priscilla

- Climate Change Conference at UNE around the first week of December -
- Two main take away messages Priscilla got:
 - Find common ground
 - Don't always go for perfect
- Hannaford's – One of the major sponsors of the conference
 - Their stores are very energy efficient – one example, self dimming lights
 - Leaders in Maine in this area
 - Thought that maybe Hannaford's could sponsor a series of talks here in town – Maybe work with the Energy Steering Committee
- Angus King was the Key note speaker
 - Angus spoke about visiting the Antarctic because of climate change and the implications to security risks by passageways now opening up
 - Climate change will impact York and we should keep in mind the impact to York's seashores because of the potential for increased flooding

Discussion on Lawn Chemical Ordinance

- Priscilla discussed Ogunquit Pesticide Ordinance with a few people in Ogunquit and it appears that if you have an issue, you can still give a permit or apply banned chemicals without penalty.
- Jeff and Luke met with Andy Jones (Toxins Action Center)
 - Described 2 ways to move forward with the ordinance:
 - Have a Selectman introduce the ordinance or
 - Push it as a citizen initiative and get signatures to move the ordinance forward
 - Andy was willing to help as required
- Discussion on if we went forward as a citizen initiative, then the potential to have the York Pesticide Free group could/would represent, but would need to make it known the YCC is part of this group.

- Jeff have contacted Steve Burns via email of our possible routes to move forward with the ordinance, but was waiting to hear back from him
 - It appears that to go the citizen initiative route, we would need 100 signatures from York citizens to move the ordinance forward
 - If we went the selectman route, there looks to be the potential that it could take a lot longer to move forward with the ordinance
- Mike M made a motion to vote on moving forward with the ordinance taking the citizen initiative route instead of going through a selectman.
 - Group voted 5 to 0 in favor of going the citizen initiative route
- Jeff was also going to meet with Steve Burns and his team on Jan 25th to discuss the future of the ordinance
 - The group agreed to wait to take action on moving the ordinance forward until after the 25th meeting.
- Mike M also made a motion to vote that once we move forward with the ordinance, we will keep the ordinance in its current form (i.e. make no changes at this point) until we receive feedback from others during the review process
 - The group voted 5 to 0 to keep the ordinance how it's currently written once we move forward with it.
- Discussed the fact the Ogunquit does not seem to have enforcement if you violate their ordinance
 - Amber Harrison may know more
 - We could invite her to our next meeting

Quick Discussion on New Community Development in York

- Meeting this Thursday at 7 pm if people could attend or watch on TV
- We will need to follow this more as it develops

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Actions needed prior to or for next Meeting

- Vote to approve Notes from Previous Meeting - All
- Type up notes from this meeting and give back to group – Mike S.
- Get previously approved notes posted onto town website – Mike S.
- Mike M and / or Priscilla to reach out to Energy Steering Committee about group discussions – Update - Mike M reached out and to Rozanna on Energy Steering committee shortly after the meeting and discussed collaborations between our groups. She was open to the idea and liked the idea of having Hannaford give a presentation on their efforts
- Jeff to meet with Steve Burns on Jan 25th - Jeff