

*The March 20, 2018, meeting opened at 4:00.*

*Present were Marj Wexler (Chair), Susan Bachelder, Corinna Barnard, Robin Goldberg, Juliette Haas, and Pat Konecky.*

**Minutes** of the 2/20/18 meeting were approved.

**Egremont-Recycles Day:** April 14. Juliette will bring some freebies from MRF to give away. There may still be some state rebates for E-vehicles (see below, and <https://mor-ev.org/>), so Pat will bring her car and offer to show it to interested people. Marj will email a sorting schedule, and we'll figure out details of the thank-you pizza party by email, too.

Because of Emily discovered how many pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> she saved by being a GreenStart member (see below), we thought we'd ask residents (via EgremontPost) how much they saved. Perhaps announce a winner at EgRecycles?

**Dark Skies, outdoor lighting in Egremont:** Susan wrote to the BoS about signage in Egremont that does not comply with Zoning Bylaw section 4.3.2.5 (see [www.egremont-ma.gov/links.html](http://www.egremont-ma.gov/links.html)). Note Pittsfield's plan for downtown lightscapes ([www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/lightscapes-has-bright-ideas-for-transforming-downtown-pittsfield,534903?](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/stories/lightscapes-has-bright-ideas-for-transforming-downtown-pittsfield,534903?)).

**Berkshire Edge articles:** Pat's new article was about the 100% Renewable Energy "summit" at BCC. The next article (Corinna & Pat) will list where and how Earth Day is being celebrated, and will also provide a useful list of environmental service groups.

**Wish-list Dream Day:** (With an eye to future Edge articles) Plastic-avoidance shopping, pet peeves, meeting Green Communities' 20% goals? (Juliette, "waste line," July 2018), Air B&B trash and recyclables – how to encourage (if not enforce).

**Electric Vehicles:** Incentives for EVs, and charging stations ([www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov), search EVIP). We favor the installation of a charging station – Kenver, or Mom's? Possibly with a grant from DOT or DOER? Pat will forward a link to Juliette.

**100% Renewable Energy campaign:** Emily asked New England GreenStart how they calculated her savings of 608 lb of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2017), and she sent us their reply. How could we find out how much other Egremonters have saved? (See Egremont-Recycles Day, above.)

**Plastic Film Recycling campaign:** Juliette's "To Zero Waste and Beyond" Superhero postcard covers plastic film recycling, as well as computer and office equipment, ink cartridges, textile, hazardous waste, and rechargeable batteries & cell phones. Great!

**Bottles and cans collection:** We agreed that April's funds will also go to Greenagers, as March was a thin month. We'll see if Greenagers can help.

**Sustainability Coordinator:** Juliette has applied for a Green Communities competitive grant for \$7600. If approved, it will pay for two water heaters (one in Town Hall, the other a tankless, on-demand model at the Library), and it will replace an old, unused freezer in Town Hall with a new, useful refrigerator. Also, Juliette went to North Adams to inspect their new LED streetlights, and she nixed that idea for Egremont because of the bright-white light.

*Meeting adjourned 5:05 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, **April 17, 4:00 PM.***

*Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec'y*