

The May 22, 2018, meeting opened at 4:00. Present were Marj Wexler (Chair), Corinna Barnard, Emily Eyre, Robin Goldberg, Juliette Haas, and Pat Konecky.

Minutes of the 4/17/18 meeting were approved.

Supporting Molly de St André on Muddy Brook cafeteria trash: Molly would like to reduce the amount of non-recycled trash in our school cafeterias, and she produced a video to demonstrate the problem (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6llLaW6gHW4>). She needs someone to take on the project. Marj will ask Molly if she'd like us to write letters (to whom?). Other idea is an Edge column, but Muddy Brook isn't in our school district....

Helping Stephanie Blumenthal: We'd like to help Stephanie form a Green Committee in Sheffield, but we don't know how. Perhaps if the county gets a regional sustainability coordinator....

State-wide plastic bag bylaw: EGC members present voted unanimously to endorse the state-wide plastic bag bylaw. Marj will ask Brad Verter (MassGreen.org) for wording, and Juliette will find out if we should take this to the BoS for their approval.

Pollinator resolution, update: The community resolution passed, thanks to Liz Keen and the Ag Commission. Corinna will ask Elizabeth what the next step might be. We could work with the pollinator people on education: e.g., we could hold a meeting. Conversation turned to how to prevent ticks; Robin will contact Cary Institute about tick bricks (or Tick Brix?).

Follow-up with Oriana Reilly: Marj will tell her the date of our next Green meeting. She may prefer to address a MassGreenNetwork meeting.

Berkshire Edge articles: Juliette's "waste line" (trash) article will be in July/August, after the data come in. Another article might be on what we've learned from the bottles & cans collection, and why it isn't sustainable at present. We might not submit a June/July article.

Redeemable bottles and cans: May & June collections will go to Mary Brazie's 4H group, and Friends of Prospect Lake will take July. Marcia Arland, Corinna, Pat, and Robin will help once a month, but we still need more. We see Labor Day as the end of the project. Do we want to suggest to the BoS that they hire someone to fish b&c AND contamination from the recycle bin?

Other matters: Discussion about what the EGC wants to tackle next, besides our Edge articles and Eg-Recycles Day.

*Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, **June 19, 4:00 PM.***

Submitted by Marj Wexler, Sec'y