

**Green Community Committee Meeting**  
**April 13, 2023**

**In attendance:** Bill Taylor, Dominique Ross, Phil Kazlauskas, Robert Jordan

**Format:** Virtual

**Quorum:** Met and meeting brought to order: 7:01pm

**1. Red Cross Clothing Collection Box:**

- a. Bill has received no update from the Town Manager as to whether there is town land that can be used to house the collection box.
- b. Bill has also received no further response from the contact at the Red Cross.
- c. Dominique received no response from the faculty advisor of the Red Cross Club at Nipmuc.
- d. Option? United Parish - space at the end of their parking lot could possibly be used. Dominique to contact Sandy in the church office to inquire.
- e. What organization is responsible for the donation boxes at the VFW?

**2. Composting Program:**

- a. Contacted the Boards of Health in the nine towns that Black Earth Composting contracts with (Lexington, Canton, Wakefield, Brookline, Newton, Belmont, Westborough, Acton, Marblehead)
- b. All departments responded to the inquiry and reported no increase in rodent issues with the introduction of the curbside composting program. One town went as far as reporting that the rodent issues improved because people on smaller parcels weren't composting on their property and instead using the curbside receptacles which reduced the rodent activity.
- c. Dominique to report these findings to Upton BOH. Also to ask the BOH if there are other concerns before we move forward

**3. Streetlight Project:**

- a. Phil has not heard back from the Town Manager
- b. The Town Manager has the presentation in hand
- c. National Grid has raised the rates for customer owned lights - savings aren't as significant anymore
- d. Bill to email contact at NG to find out if anything has changed
- e. No grants currently available for street light projects

**4. Municipal Aggregation Program for purchase of electricity:**

- a. No timeline for approval
- b. Next milestone is the DPU approving the program - out of our control in terms of timing of approval

**5. Energy Use Master Plan:** no update

**6. Municipal Fleet Electrification:** no update

**7. Approval of minutes:** February 9, 2023. Motion to approve minutes submitted by Phil Kazlauskas at 7:18pm. 2nd to motion - Bill Taylor. Roll call vote: Taylor - aye; Ross - aye; Jordan - aye; Kazlauskas - aye.

**8. Next meeting:** Thursday May 11, 2023. Second Thursday of the month works for all.

**9. Unexpected topics/ideas:**

- a. Is everyone comfortable if Dominique promotes her involvement in GDC on social media using a personal narrative? Yes, all are in favor of this.
- b. Bill suggested that we create a survey for town residents to weigh in on what they would like to see us pursuing in green initiatives. We can also determine the best ways to reach people through survey questions.

**10. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting submitted by Bill Taylor at 7:29pm. 2nd to motion - Dominique. Roll call vote: Taylor - aye; Ross - aye; Jordan - aye. Kazlauskas - aye.