Hadley Climate Change Committee Agenda

May 11, 2023, 7:00PM- Hadley Senior Center

Mission Statement:

- Assemble and explain information regarding the Town's current ecological footprint.
- Assemble and explain information regarding potential actions the Town might take to reduce our ecological footprint.
- Help the town evaluate, choose, and implement actions that promote sustainable practices.
- Monitor changes in the Town's ecological footprint over time.

Guests- Mara Shulman-attorney Zero Waste Project, Conservation Law Foundation

Review-

Levee Project Information- from Carolyn-This is a multi-year project, possibly **six to eight years.** We do expect to have more information by the fall, for Phase Two of three. Hadley will likely have to take out a bond to fund the work recommended by the engineer. For now, there is nothing new to report. Carolyn emphasizes that this is always a top-of-the-agenda item when meeting w/ Dan & Jo.

Updates-

Green Communities- Update from Jack- Still waiting on MA DOER for news

Composting Grant- Update from Kathy regarding that MA Cultural Council Grant

New Items-

Mindy Domb- House Bills 470, 496, and 570. Climate change education legislation

Current MA State Standard- ESS3.C Human impacts on Earth systems

PreK -2 Things people do can affect the environment but they can make choices to reduce their impacts.

- 3-5 Societal activities can help protect Earth's resources and environments.
- 6-8 Human activities have altered the biosphere, sometimes damaging it, although changes to environments can have different impacts for different living things. Activities and technologies can be engineered to reduce people's impacts on Earth.
- 9-10 Sustainability of human societies and the biodiversity that supports them requires responsible management of natural resources.

Other Business

Student intern-Tasks to schedule, feedback

Asparagus Fest- 6/3. A new manager for this year. https://www.nepm.org/nepm-asparagus-festival

Invited for next month- Chris Curtis, Deerfield group & Hadley School Committee

New Items: *Next meeting (June 8, 2023)*

New items not anticipated at time of posting (TBD)

Action items/Homework