

Sustainability Committee Quarterly Meeting
7-14-2026

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Members present: Brenda, Herb, Donna, Janet, and new member Steve

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Steve Vissers, resident of Bristol and fly fisherman extraordinaire was welcomed as a new committee member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected as officers.

Jan Metcalf, Chair

Herb D'Arcy, Vice Chair

Brenda Diederich, Secretary

CLEAN UP BRISTOL DAY

The Land Use Office of Bristol has stepped up this year to help organize the May 16th Clean Up Bristol Day. We all agreed that it went well and we are happy to have them take the lead in future Clean Up Bristol Events. The material is being stored at their offices.

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

June 25th was Bristol's Community Night Out and Brenda graciously had a Sustainability Committee Table. She reported that no one wanted to chat much, folks took items and spent time reading the Hannaford board with information on recycling plastic. We all agreed this should be done again next year.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Thursday, September 3, 2026 from 2 pm - 6 pm is the next HHWC at Bristol Transfer Station. We have always been a part of this event. Chuck from the transfer station is coordinating the event and asking for volunteers. Jan and Herb can attend, perhaps Brenda. We will all think of additional folks who may be able to volunteer.

NH NETWORK PLASTICS WORKING GROUP SPEAKER

Sue Richman is coordinating the plastics efforts here in NH which we are a part of. She is doing a speaking tour. We agreed to ask her to come, perhaps as part of late fall, winter events at the library. Jan will follow up.

NLRA CLIMATE PROGRAMS

Newfound Lake Regional Association is hosting two programs this summer that we should encourage attendance at:

August 4th at 7 Pm at Grey Rocks : How Climate Change is Reshaping NH Forests

August 18th at 7 pm at Grey Rocks: Microplastics Pollution in New England

REPAIR CAFE

Donna reported on progress around the repair cafe idea here in Bristol.

She plans to visit one sometime in September and will continue to collect information on what is involved in setting one up. We all agreed this is a great project but will take some work.

WINTER PLANS/EVENTS

The following were suggested:

A speaker from Plastics working group. (Jan to contact)

Someone to speak on Household Hazardous Waste Collection from LRPC.

(Herb will try to find the best person to report on this, Chuck?)

Possibly a book club over the winter on Climate and the Environment (Jan)

A short video on Beavers restoring wild land in Florida .(Donna)

NEW BUSINESS

Brenda reported on Echo Smith which is a company that supplies collection boxes for used textiles in order to keep them out of landfills. The items donated are sorted for reuse, recycling, repurposing. The only thing required of us is a place to display the box at the transfer station and getting out information to the public. Brenda has spoken with Chuck, who is interested. There is a question of space at the transfer station. Brenda will keep us updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for October 13th, Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Minot Sleeper Library.