

**Hyde Park Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021**

Meeting opened at 3:00 pm. via Zoom

Present:

Elisa Clancy, Denise Greene, Meg Taylor

Guests: Jim Pease, Morrisville Conservation Commission, Melissa Jordan

The February meeting minutes were not approved as copies were not received in time. Meeting minutes will be reviewed 10 days after they are sent or revised by the Chair at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Rules of procedure were reviewed and adopted as drafted. Meg asked to clarify what constitutes quorum on a vote when only 4 members are present? Elisa will get back on that question.
2. Officers and duties were outlined and voted on. The officers elected for 2021 are Elisa Clancy, Committee Chair, Denise Greene, Vice Chair and Meg Taylor, Secretary.

New Business:

1. It was agreed to have a draft of lawn alternatives educational materials ready by April 5 for review and distribution. Jim Pease asked that the draft be forwarded to him for the MCC meeting on April 15.
2. For the Raise the Blade campaign, Elisa suggested that Leo's Small Engines be approached as a partner. She will call a contact of her's to talk about the proposal. Both the Town and the School Board are important in the campaign and must be signed on to Raise the Blade first. Meg suggested that we reach out to larger mowing contractors who are already using electric and solar equipment for their clients. Elisa suggested looking at the Mean Green Machine website.
3. It was agreed that we would like to have a catchier campaign than Lawn Alternatives, so we will consider some new phrasing and make suggestions over the next few weeks. Elisa will create a campaign page on the Town's website where anyone can find information on the Lawn Alternatives campaign. She can create a sign-up page for businesses interested in partnering for Raise the Blade.
4. Meg suggested using a platform SLACK as a forum for discussing the project. She will set up a free Slack account for us to try.

Member reports:

Elisa provided a new document (attached in an earlier email) outlining the Mow Electric! campaign and discussed the details of her research.

Denise introduced Melissa Jordan of Jordan Home Services and Jim Pease of the Morrisville Conservation Commission (MCC). Melissa spearheaded a forum in 2019 to raise awareness about pesticide use on lawns and gardens in Lamoille county. She is interested in Raise the Blade and was invited to join the Committee. Jim was invited to the meeting to discuss collaborating on Raise the Blade in Morrisville. MCC is interested in the campaign and would like to learn more. MCC members were invited to join the Selectboard meeting on April 19, 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom. Denise will check to make sure they can link to it.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Greene, Secretary