

October 9, 2025 ESC Meeting (Virtual)

Members Present: Diane McLaine (Vice Chair), Dan Fogel, Dana Hicks, Trisha Knight, Tim Sanborn, Anne Marie O'Neill

Staff Present: Catherine Cook, Ethan Smith

Minutes:

3:33 Vice Chair Diane McLaine Called virtual ESC meeting to order.

Adoption of September minutes – Dan Fogel motioned to approve. Seconded by Dana Hicks. Motion carried unanimously.

No agenda changes

No public comment

Business Items

Goal Status Updates were reviewed from latest shared sheet

- COMM-1 – Dan updated that webpage has been coordinated with Ethan (town communications) in draft and schedule to go live the first week of November. Tim shared that materials for event communications have been drafted with Tricia and Priya's help for the ESC's tabling at the Growers Market as a start to this effort – adding that efforts were reasonably successful informing people who ESC was, why they were there and engaging people. Sufficient for where we are right now (labeled complete). Related to future survey, Dan suggested add a date for sometime next year (3/31/2026).
- COMM-2 – Work on website for sustainability work will be ongoing (webpages within Town website) – slated for November 7, 2025 to go live. ESC will review and vote on webpages on site at November 13, 2025 meeting. Took out “launch website” as webpages will cover.
  - Related to this discussion, Dana asked for updated spreadsheet tracking all the goals.
- EWW-1 – No update (Priya absent)
- EWW-2 – Dana Hicks provided update that has reached out to Pottstown (via Agustin Hinojosa coordinating with community leaders) and Huntington Green (Caterpillar Ministries). Waiting on date for Pottstown – scope to be determined. Hope to get something done before Thanksgiving 2025. Had never been into Huntington Green until recently, will be a more challenging and multiphased cleanup, so recommended to be last cleanup to be done in order

to meet various prerequisites. Any cleanups with Greenways postponed until 2026 because have enough opportunities working with Park and Rec through 2025. Dana also shared progress has been made with Parks and Rec as North Meck Park not yet adopted and would be best mechanism for ESC to have a park to adopt – have filled out necessary paperwork and asked Assistant Park and Rec Director Tracy Houk for dates. Dana also shared he was doing October ESC update for newsletter on topic of sustainability. Completed participation in Catawba Riversweep 2025 – Dana volunteered at Ramsey Creek and noted that area didn't seem to need as much help and look in future to areas where had shortage of volunteers or needed additional assistance. Diane updated spreadsheet.

- Mayor Pro Tem Hunt asked for more about Huntington Green and the pond there, Dana replied that he's reached out to the Catawba Riverkeeper about a tactical cleanup and help with resident education as multiple steps needed to restore it to its previous state. Dana also to engage his rotary group to see if there's something they can do to help with potentially failing septic tanks that could be leeching out nutrients in the area leading to algae outbreaks (some further testing would be necessary).
- EWW-3 – No Report (Jeremy absent)
- E&I-1 – Trisha updated that she's working on what needs to be presented to the town to move forward with the plan and needs to follow up with Jesse.
- E&I-2 – Diane shared that she'll be working with Anne Marie to present town (and working with Jeremy on quarterly update to the town board) and will work with Ethan on application and information for website.
- E&I-3 – Anne Marie noted she sent Jeremy and Bobby a chart of what accomplished so far on green construction certifications. Gave all the ones could find that are used mostly in the US and different elements and some comparison. Looked at exploring financial incentives, some of which will be going away at the federal level on both the residential and commercial side. On the deconstruction side, its disappointing as there's no infrastructure in our area, other than Habitat for Humanity. Not sure where this topic will go based on that. Not 100% sure what the target will be for the information compiled thus far – if its something that can be posted on the webpage or not and need to determine potential audience if gets posted on webpage.

#### Event Communications Update:

Looked at upcoming events for tabling. No dates set based on availability. October Lollacaboosa not a fit due to intent of event.

Review of Action Items:

All covered in goals and make sure Jeremy is on the agenda for his update.

Open Discussion

Dan Fogel mentioned upcoming election and asked for help in vetting candidates. Mayor Pro Tem responded she could not in this meeting.

Adjournment – motion made by Dan Fogel, seconded by Anne Marie O’Neill. Motion carried unanimously.