

Minutes of the Sustainability Committee Meeting of November 29, 2017

Meeting began with about 10 attendees including chairs of the Subcommittees

Doug Stansfield was not present

Discussion revealed that some email communications were not received by Paul and Dennis.

An information management system needs to be developed so that all members of the committee can access current activities and information resources that are relevant to the committee

Sign-in sheets should be used for all future in-person meetings

Regulations

It was mentioned by Paul that there are 39 municipal entities in Morris County and over 500 in NJ

Standardizing permits and approval processes for electric charging, battery storage, etc. should be a goal in order to remove some of the friction in adopting new technology

Outreach to Morris County towns on this issue, perhaps through the Morris County Municipal League, may be a worthwhile project

Discussion was had on the potential for an intern to support the Committee

Focus would be on research to assist the committee in developing initiatives and policies to support to foster Sustainability in Morris County and organizational support on speakers, publications and events

Start could include a digital poll to assess Sustainability positions held and programs currently in place

This information could then support outreach to more members on these topics

Transportation

Discussion was had on how to support and encourage electric transportation infrastructure

See Transoptions and NJ Smart Workplaces

Vision Zero was discussed – reducing fatalities through smarter transportation vehicles, autonomous vehicles

Suggestion was made to declare 2018 the “Year for Sustainability for Morris County”

Suggestion was made to share with other Chamber committees what the Sustainability Committee is committed to and how members could contribute to achieving those goals by joining our Committee.

Definition of Sustainability needs to be circulated so that there is consensus on its adoption by the members of the Committee

Suggestion that member(s) of the Sustainability Committee reach out to members of other Chamber committees to share our committee’s purpose and invite additional members to join

It was suggested that we reach out to large companies in the chamber to request they appoint a contact person to be a liaison with our committee

We should identify those companies with 50-500 employees and invite participation

Suggestion was made for the creation of a poll to elicit Chamber member's knowledge of and attitudes about sustainability. Draft survey would be circulated to subcommittee members for further refinement

Develop Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for sustainability so there is a standard of measures to compare against

Action step is for Jeanna and Paul to discuss intern and possibly move forward in defining position and starting recruitment process