

**New Hampshire Library Association Sustainability Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 06, 2023 from 11am-12pm**

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Zoom Meeting Link:

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Brittany agreed to take notes.

Progress has been made and will continue on organizing the committee's online documents.

Paul Karpawich/UN SDGs and libraries: Brittany and Tess have been in touch with Paul off and on for a couple years. Paul has worked with the Amherst and Milford schools on a food waste diversion project. He gave a Zoom presentation about the project with the Amherst Library.

Planning is underway for a series of programs about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For the presentations, some libraries will just give Zoom links, some will offer in-person viewings. Concern that the timing and format, and the topics may not work well for every community.

Committee agreed that this series feels premature. A suggestion was made that we need to be familiar with the SDGs and start doing the work in our libraries before educating the community.

Do we have a general discussion about where people are currently with sustainability and what they are interested in learning more about? Tamworth has been having a Climate Community series and asking people what they want to learn about. In the first discussion, attendees shared they wanted to learn practical things like weatherizing a home, more science-based information. Now, people are feeling anxious and want programs on how to get past that anxiety and on to action. These were held early evening as potluck events. <https://tamworthlibrary.org/climate-community/>

Will be great to have a ready-made poster that libraries can use to promote the series. Tess is working on this. The one that Paul put together should be pared down.

We need to have a discussion with Paul about moving forward with the series of programs. Agreement that it is moving too fast, every audience is different, and we should better know what people want. Brittany will put thoughts in an email to Sus. Comm.

Electric Vehicles: Melissa will reach out to contact from Rockingham County about a panel discussion online. She will report back next month on timing for the program.

*Cobalt Red* Book Discussion: Few sign ups. Possibly some people did not get email, maybe too few copies of the book in the state. Suggestion to remind people. There is a strong EDI connection; Melissa will ask NHLA EDI if they want to partner. Melissa will let Judy know if/when EDI wants to be involved and then Judy will send a reminder once we confirm the date of discussion.

Newsletters: Tess has not found much on AI, but will look at Sustainability of Staff for the November newsletter. Going forward, we will aim to publish a newsletter every other month.

January: Melissa

March: Brittany - CCC sharing and traveling exhibits

May: Hazard Mitigation?

July:

September:

Nancy spoke to being involved in her town's hazard mitigation plan. In Tamworth it was the town's Emergency Director who coordinated the update. We may want to encourage librarians to get involved in these plans.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Durgin