

**New Hampshire Library Association Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting Agenda
April 18, 2022 from 4-5pm**

Meeting Link:

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1. Call to order

- a. Welcome and Introductions – Present: **Brittany, Judy, Tess, Sondra**
- b. Secretary for this meeting **Sondra** (minutes in green)

2. Old or unfinished business

- a. Energy audits and efficiency projects financing information session with Scott Maslansky on March 15 at 1pm
 - i. Video was finally uploaded to NHLA YouTube
 - ii. Have login, so we can add to this channel in the future
- b. Carbon footprint at NHLA events
 - i. Anything our committee can do to support Deb Hoadley/Conference committee in gathering information?

Make it a Google Form that could be sent to vendor?

Sondra will work on rephrasing/creating questions relevant to conference venues

- c. Certification programs - Britt
- d. Macdonald Funds and training opportunities
- e. Resources for librarians
 - i. Collection development - Judy

Almost there, per Judy – resources are listed & annotated, just needs some “prettying up”

Really hard to draw the line/decide what to add – new eco-fiction genre – it’s a living document

Tess is making a display of CLI FI for Manch Library – Climate Fiction – will share list with Judy and Brittany so it can be included in a newsletter to go out on nhais

- ii. Speakers for workshops/conferences - Sondra
 - 1. Sustainable Libraries Initiative

AnneMarie Gordon, Coordinator of Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI)

<https://sustainablelibrariesinitiative.org/> is willing to present on Triple Bottom Line & sustainability certification process through SLI.

Introduction to Sustainability as a professional development online program could allow us to have a recording available as resource for library staff + trustees so online presentation of introductory concepts would be fine. Not meant to be a Public Program

Judy – Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich did a presentation at NHLA Fall Business meeting in 2019 :

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MLS, LEED AP) is the Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System. Rebekkah currently serves as the co-chair of the American Library Association's (ALA) Special Task Force on Sustainability, as an advisory board member for the ALA Center for the Future of Libraries, and is the co-founder of both the ALA Sustainability Round Table and the New York Library Association's Sustainability Initiative. A frequent international speaker on the topic of libraries and sustainability, Rebekkah is the author of *Sustainable Thinking: Ensuring Your Library's Future in an Uncertain World and Resilience*, part of the Library Futures Series from ALA Editions. Learn more about Rebekkah at <http://SustainableLibraries.org>

11:00 Interactive Workshop with Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. *What does sustainable thinking look like in our libraries?*

Sustainability is now a core value of the profession but what does that actually mean? Get in on the ground floor of one of the most important issues facing our local and global communities. From getting a better understanding of basic concepts such as "sustainable thinking" and the "triple bottom line" of sustainability to practical, applicable ideas you can implement as soon as you get back to your library, this session will help prepare you to become a leader on the topic of sustainability in your library and for your community. If not you, then who?

LUV Coop (Librarians of the Upper Valley) had scheduled a day-long workshop by RS-A for Library Directors, Staff & Trustees on April 3, 2020 but canceled for COVID.

NH Library Community has had the chance (2019) to learn about Sustainability in Libraries, but follow-up did not occur as planned. Perhaps an online session revisiting the basics – and introducing the many new NH Library Directors to the concepts, would be welcome

Sondra will email AnneMarie Gordon and invite her to do an online program for NHLA

- Consider May 23rd week through June 13th
- Weekday morning at 10
- Would she allow us to record & post on NHLA website/YouTube?

f. Committee email and communication from - Brittany

i. [Draft communication and offer suggestions on what and what not to include](#)

Brittany will work on newsletter this month

g. Sustaining library staffing

i. Outside speaker? This item will be removed from future agendas

h. Internal documentation: review purpose, create: meeting schedule, officer responsibilities (Kersten w/ READS shared their doc we can use as template)
Whoever gets to it first!

3. New business

a. New website

i. [Need to email about training time. Who will be trained?](#)

[Email from Yvette: If one person from your committee has already been designated to manage your Committee's webpage and calendar, please](#)

RSVP to Amber Coughlin and Lisa Houde to sign up for small group website training with Dale in the next two weeks, as I will be on vacation until the 23rd. Dale is able to offer training on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm and training should take 1 hour to 1.5 hours. Once your training is complete, you will be given access to the site. If your committee feels that they won't need to have a designated person because their website content won't be that active, then please RSVP to Amber Coughlin and Lisa Houde to let us know that you'd only be occasionally sending in requests to have stuff added to your Committee/Section.

Dale and his team are also available to have content sent to them for them to upload and edit instead of someone on a Committee, but we recommend that this only be a temporary option to allow for the content to be loaded quickly now. Each Committee should strive to learn how to manage their own content for the future.

Tess will coordinate Sustainability committee's Website content for NHLA website – Brittany emailing Lisa & Amber to connect Tess for training with Dale.

b. NELA Conference

i. Recommend a speaker?

Discussion re: proposing a Roundtable conversation about sustainability in libraries? Are there a couple NH or New England libraries doing sustainability initiatives we can "plant" for the conversation? Judy will draft a proposal to share with us. Proposal Submission form is due May 6th: <https://nela2022.godaddysites.com/submit-proposal>

ii. Provide a basket for the raffle/fundraiser?

Goal for our committee is visibility (and recruit new members!) and also what we include in the basket could be a sustainability "tool" of some sort. Judy suggests a zero-waste theme to basket

c. Speaking to cooperatives - Britt

Britt was asked by Deb Hoadley to talk to the Carroll County Coop. She presented & gathered a sense of interest & questions

- Mission
- survey results
- PPT she created for NHLA Exec Cmt re: need for a Sustainability committee
- Carroll County Librarians were interested in:
 - EV charging stations at libraries
 - Certification Process
 - Public programs with speakers who can talk about sustainability
 - Getting ahead of what patrons are going to be asking about.
- Also discussed:
 - State grant thru Volkswagen funds – municipalities receiving funds must have Level 2 power – can libraries help do groundwork in advance of these funds becoming available?

- Tin Mountain Electric vehicle programming – Sandwich Librarian – Touch-a-truck for adults with EV Ford F150

We decided not to offer visits to other Coops at this time – too many other projects in the works and not enough committee members (yet!)

4. Review action items

Sondra will email AnneMarie Gordon of SLI about online program/workshop in May/June

Britt is working on Newsletter

Judy will write proposal for NHLA/NELA conference – Sustainability Roundtable

Tess will get trained to be coordinator of website content

5. Announcements

6. Adjournment

Next meeting: May 9, 2022 at 4pm