



ENVIRONMENTAL, CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Mary Alice Warren Community Center

June 9, 2026 – 6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Kay Smitherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. In attendance were Kay Smitherman, Jennifer Haydon, Scott Herzog, Donita Hines, Barbara Hudgens, Gretchen Roberts, Kenneth Scales, Henry Fansler and Assistant Town Manager / Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Committee member Dixie Lee Thompson was absent.
2. **Agenda Approval** – Donita Hines moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Scales and passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Barbara Hudgens moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Haydon and passed unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Community Day Follow Up - Gretchen Roberts shared notes from the Community Sub Committee recap meeting; highlighted successes and opportunities for next year; referenced concerns for public safety in regards to the recycling location; expressed the need for an event map; shared thoughts of a revised disc golf tournament plan; and highlighted concerns for residents that stopped at the gazebo. Ms. Roberts stated the need to expand advertisement for Second Harvest Food Bank; for a focus for teen activities; explained a vendor survey had been distributed and feedback was forthcoming; and stated Community Day for 2027 was scheduled for May 1, 2027.
 - b. Sustainability Actions – Public Works Director Jon Hanna shared items the town may be implementing such as replacing the HVAC unit at the Galloway Center with a more efficient unit; purchase of jackets and timers for water heaters; and the re-purposing K&W tables and chairs for new Public Works Building. Discussion took place regarding collaboration with the Public Art Advisory Committee for solar lighting for outdoor art displays.
 - c. Resolution Review – 2023-051 - Committee discussed ways to get local businesses involved in more sustainable practices such as not using plastic bags for customers, providing recycling bins, etc. Ms. Roberts to research a proposal for the Town Council. The item was tabled to the August 11, 2026 meeting. Director Hanna reached out to Duke Energy for historical data for a baseline. Ms. Roberts recommended a Sustainability Report to capture all the things the town had done such as solar panels, light bulb replacements, Earth Day events, re-purposing K&W tables and chairs for the Public Works building, etc.; and offered to begin an outline to share with the committee in August.
5. **New Business** - None
6. **Staff Reports** - None
7. **For the Good of the Order**
 - a. Next meeting, if needed: July 14, 2026 – It was the consensus of the Committee to cancel the July 14th meeting. Next meeting will be August 11, 2026.
8. **Adjournment** – Having no further business to discuss, Jennifer Haydon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. The motion was seconded by Donita Hines and passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Kay Smitherman, Chair

Angela Lord, Town Clerk