

Health and Wellness Committee

January 30, 2020 ; 6:00 PM

Present: Patrick Wynne (chair), George Lapoint, Diana Scully

1. Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program

The committee discussed developing a VMFSP for Hallowell. The VMFSP in Winslow was used as a model. The committee agreed that it is unknown whether or not such a program would draw active farming, however the committee also identified local food sourcing as a value to the community. The committee will continue to explore the feasibility of a VMFSP in Hallowell.

2. Solar Energy

The committee discussed solar energy as an environmental health concern. As there may be other committees with interests on the issue, the committee did not consider potential options. The committee wonders if a separate working group may need to be established in order to transition the city to renewable energy in accordance with the last council's resolution.

3. Smoke Reduction

The committee discussed ordinances to encourage smoking cessation in Hallowell. Smoking ordinances had been considered several years ago. The committee wants to know what others recollect about previous deliberations on the matter. The committee will continue to pursue the topic.