

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Minutes for Thursday, 9/27/2018, 5:00-6:30pm

Meeting Called to Order 5pm

Attending: Nancy Hazard, Mike Pattavina, George Touloumtzis, Jay Lord, Carole Collins, Ian Hogdon for DPW, Ashli Stempel, Tara Kurland

Guests: Peg Hall, MJ Adams, Laurie DiDonato

Update: Members provided updates on things that they were involved in that moved Greenfield toward implementing Sustainable Greenfield

Adoption of 100% Renewable Energy & Fossil-Fuel-Free Future resolution adopted by City Council; Library grant, Housing My Turn published; Carole Collin's presentation at JZ Community Center; zero-energy home tours; Green River Clean-Up coming (9/28-9), media attention on plastics – global environmental impact; interior lights in all municipal buildings changed over to LEDs; EV chargers in the new municipal garage paid for by Eversource; ADA Self-Assessment & Transition Plan; DPW prioritizing finding and resolving cross contamination in storm water/sewer system; funding for ADA access improvements for sidewalks; Green River Commons condo first sales; forward movement on redevelopment planning for First National Bank; progress on housing for homeless; support for a new public safety complex, but not as proposed.

Announcement: Ashli Stempel regretfully must step back from SGIC due to her new job and other commitment.

Minutes: George made a motion to approve the 4/26/2018 minutes. Carole seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Waste management proposal & updates: RDP memo was forwarded to the Mayor- Mayor expressed that School should fund the composting & field trips – School feels Town should fund them – Request for funding from the RDP is at a stalemate. How to advance June 25th memo for funding for composting & MRF field trips for reconsideration?

PROPOSE ACTION: SGIC submit a cover letter, indicating support from Janine (Town Recycling Coordinator); by educating students – we by extension educate parents; cost savings could be achieved with less trucking & small dumpsters. Additionally note that Greening Greenfield has pledged \$600 toward the effort as outlined in the proposal.

Motion by George to revise and resubmit; Mike seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

ACTION: Nancy will draft the cover letter, Peg will review.

Discussion of future priorities for SGIC and how to achieve: Discussion about positive outcomes achieved by recent SGIC activities in support of goals of Sustainable Greenfield. Many spoke to the advantage of having and using the master plan to support programs staff seek to implement and/or seek grant funds. Membership of SGIC promotes cross pollination into other boards/ committees. Job of SGIC is to keep the masterplan alive in peoples' minds – keep on with what we have been doing. In addition, what can we do to proactively bring the Master Plan into big community decisions? How can we have influence on priority setting in public funding decisions? General concurrence that SGIC should keep on doing what it has been doing – stay on course with community gatherings and My Turns to keep plan's goals in the public eye; have input into CDBG recommendations; and get involved in direct action if appropriate.

ACTION: Ian checking on prioritization of 3 DPW projects: Court Square, Veterans Mall, and Fisk Ave parking lot. (Town has excellent plans for all 3 projects)

SGIC Membership: Updates and discussion of vacancies and the need to fill them and skills SGIC needs.,

SGIC's Town Council Seat: Tim Donlan has been appointed to fill seat

John Lunt has resigned – his seat needs to be filled

Ashli's seat is also now vacant

Skills – as laid out in Ordinance that we are missing: business, marketing, big picture environmental issues

ACTION: MJ will contact Jeff (C-Work owner) to explore interest.

Announcements:/ Next Meetings:

October 25 as planned (Suggested agenda: Continuation of items discussed above.)

November 29th – (Note: This is the 5th Thursday, instead of the 4th due to Thanksgiving conflict)

December 13th SGIC will replace regular meeting with a community Gathering offered by UMass LARP presentation on Deerfield St Neighborhood Plan. ACTION MJ to secure JZ Center for presentation and update UMass team.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, George seconded, all in favor. Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm