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Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee

Minutes

14 Court Square

Greenfield, MA 01301

Thursday, January 14, 2016

Members present: Carole Collins, Nancy Hazard, Ashli Stempel, Tara Kurland, Don Ouelette, George Touloumtzis, William Price –quorum reached. Kurt Richardson arrived at 5pm
Others Present: Laurie DiDonato, MJ Adams, Becca King, Garth Shanyefelt

Meeting Called to order at 4:33pm

December minutes: George made motion to approve minutes as written. Nancy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Complete Streets-

Carole reported on information that Eric Twarog provided from the recent workshop on Complete Streets

- Funding will become available in May 2016
- Applications for funding will be accepted starting in late January 2016
- Projects will be reviewed starting in May of 2016
- Evaluation of our ordinance via an online score sheet indicates it scores very high hopefully making us more eligible for funding.
- A second Complete Streets workshop is planned for February 5th, and will be open to a wider audience.

Carole made motion to submit the Complete Streets Ordinance to the A&O committee at the next opportunity. George seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SGIC Event-

- The topic for this event will be Complete Streets to provide public outreach in preparation for the Policy adoption process.
- Carole has presentations available that will be easy to prepare, and will also include examples of projects already done in Greenfield.
- The event will include a celebration of the Master Plan's 2nd Birthday
- Possible locations include the Library, 170 Main St., and the Transit Building
- Nancy will confirm the location and date, which was proposed for early February

Snow Removal Ordinance-

George has written an excellent article clarifying the snow removal ordinance and encouraging residents to do their part. Nancy made a motion that he submit the article to the Greenfield Recorder as a My Turn on behalf of the Sustainable Greenfield Master Plan Implementation Committee. William seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:**Membership-**

Eric Twarog and Maureen Pollock have agreed to share a committee seat as representatives of the Planning Department. This will require a change in the ordinance. Other changes might be desirable, as there have been challenges getting a youth member on the committee.

Carole made a motion that we change the Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee ordinance to add the Director of Planning or his/her designee as a member of the committee, as well as to combine 2 of the public positions into 1, while removing the requirement that one of them be a student. Ashli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WorkPlan for 2016-

- We clarified the committee's goal which is to facilitate implementation of the Master Plan mainly through public outreach and support of other involved parties. We currently communicate through press releases, the Sustainable Greenfield Facebook page, and the Town's website. There was discussion on other ways to reach the public with our message, including using property tax or water bill mailings.
- A resident attending the meeting questioned the Committee's role in decisions made around new buildings like the planned senior center. The Committee agreed to address this at the February meeting to give members time to develop some possible ways the committee could take responsibility to keep track of new capital expenses and weigh in on how they fit with the master plan.
- We have a \$2500 budget to spend before FY16 ends. We could use it for food at events as long as the public is invited. We could also consider hiring a consultant.

Announcements:

- Don has to miss the next meeting

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Ashli seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 5:57 pm