

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
Minutes
Thursday, 11/29/2018, 5:00-6:30pm

Attending: Nancy Hazard, Jay Lord, Mike Pattavina, Tara Kurland, Tim Dolan, George Touloumtzis, MJ Adams, Mayor William Martin **Absent:** Carole Collins, Marlo Warner **Guests:** Laurie DiDonato, Robin Fordham
Meeting called to order at 5:07pm

Approval of October Minutes- Mike made a motion to approve minutes from October 25, 2019, seconded by Jay. Motion passed. George abstained.

Updates of progress toward SGIC goals: Parking garage opened! Greenfield received a US Forest Service grant for 800 trees over the next 3-5 years. Several people spoke about the inspiration of the youth involved in Our Children's Trust lawsuit against USA for not addressing the Climate crisis which is robbing them of their constitutional rights of "Life, liberty, and property", and Greening Greenfield forum held Nov 17.

Old Business

- **Updated compost funding proposal** was sent to Mayor, no response has been received yet.
- **SGIC Annual report** was submitted to the Mayor.
- **Filling SGIC's vacant seats:** MJ Adams has been designated by the Planning Department director and is now a member of the SGIC. MJ found an interested student and sent her to the Mayor's office to join the SGIC. Hannah Rechtschaffen, with expertise in arts and economic development, has also shown interest and has been referred to the Mayor's office. Nancy is still working on finding someone from FRCOG. Alyssa LaRose and Rachel Stoler were unable to join at this time.
- **Future SGIC Public Gatherings:** Three Proposals were presented and discussed.
- **ACTION:** SGIC will hold 3 Public Gatherings as follows: March 28: Waste management. June 27: Creative economy. Sept or Oct: Local Food. Discussion:
 - o **Creative economy** – proposal submitted by Linda McInerney and MJ Adams. MJ, Linda, and other local venue owner would be on panel. Presentation will focus on opportunities in Greenfield, specifically the First National Bank. Mass development may have funding for code upgrades, and there is a \$3.5 million earmark in the economic development bond bill, which means no debt impact on the town.
 - o **Waste management** – proposal submitted by Mike Pattavina. Panel could include Jan Ameen and Amy Donovan from Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD), Marlo Warner, DPW director, and Rep from Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Panel will focus on garbage collection, Transfer Station issues, recycling issues, and school composting. Other topic mentioned was incentives to prevent illegal dumping, and anaerobic digester project. The addition of the anaerobic digester was determined to be too large of a topic.
 - o **Local food** –proposal submitted by Jay Lord. Would focus on how to increase the market for local food. Jessica O'Neil from Just Roots could moderate. John Waite from Franklin County Community Development Center and a local farmer could be on panel.

Capital Spending – The 5-year capital spending plan was reviewed to verify support of projects identified in Sustainable Greenfield. Nancy explained the capital spending planning process, and how debt planning works. She proposed that SGIC send a note to the Capital Spending Implementation Committee (made up of the Ways and Means chair, Planning and Construction chair, and school superintendent) concerning support of spending for projects in the master plan. In particular recommending that the Skate Park be funded in FY20, which fulfills the commitment in our master plan: Natural Historic and Cultural Resources chapter, Goal 2, implementation action: "to provide more recreational opportunities for teens and elderly populations. Additional reasons for our recommendation include: Funding for the skate park has been put off for several years, matching funds are available, and it is supported by the Master Plan, as noted above. Additionally, it should be noted that funding for the Library and public safety buildings is needed to enable

the library to be built. Jay made a motion that the SGIC write a letter in support of allotting capital funds for the skate park in FY20, and include funding for Library etc in future years. It was seconded by Tim. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Nancy will write draft memo and circulate to all for OK before submission.

Dec. 13 Gathering: Deerfield Street Initiative

- Nancy submitted a DRAFT News release. It was approved by the committee. ACTION: Nancy submit to Recorder.
- Library meeting is the same night, so it was proposed that the event be moved to Wednesday, but committee preferred to leave it on the 13th and hold it at the John Zon Community Center.
- Jay reported that per previous agreement that he has worked with a friend to create a broadcast email system (Mailchimp) so we can invite folks to our events.
- Laurie reported that there is the capability to use the website for bulk emails and that is the method preferred by the Town. But since it is not clear how to do this yet, mailchimp will be used to publicize this event.

Annual Calendar for SGIC meetings and Community Gatherings: Draft presented. Accepted as presented.

Next meeting - Jan 24, 5pm, Greenfield Town Hall.

CDBG Hearing start at 6:15pm

See CDBG notes