

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
Minutes
Thursday, 1/24/2019, 5:00-6:30pm

Attending: Jay Lord, Nancy Hazard, George Touloumtzis, Mike Pattavina, Tim Dolan, MJ Adams, Tara Kurkland, Carole Collins Absent: Marlo Warner Guests: Laurie DiDonato, Hannah Rechtschaffen

Meeting called to order: 5:03pm

Introductions & announcements: Announcements from members on notable things from the past month included George: enjoyed parking in parking garage, MJ: Gov. Baker approved climate change funding, Hannah R.: Started new job as Director of Place-making at Cowles Lumber, Carole: Finished insulating house with MassSave benefits, Laurie: LED lighting project at 9 town buildings complete; 40% savings expected!, Jay: Just Roots barn work is starting, Mike: VW settlement grant will fund new electric vehicles; he would like to help GCC apply, Tim: plastic bag ban passed by the Council, Nancy: In response to plastic bag ban, many people are making free re-useable bags, DPW Office building is complete, Tree project is moving forward -200 trees will be planted this spring in southeast environmental justice areas.

Approval of November Minutes: Mike made motion to accept November minutes. Tim Seconded. George had two minor edits. Motion passed to accept minutes as edited, Carole abstained.

New Business

Officer Elections – Nominations were put forth and accepted for Nancy for Chair, Jay for Vice-chair, and Tim for Secretary. Mike made a motion to elect all three officers as nominated. George seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Reimagine Deerfield Street: It was agreed turnout was good, presentation was great, audience was engaged and happy to be involved in planning stages. The Deerfield St. report is expected at the end of January.

Waste management event: Mike P. summarized the plan for the March 28th community gathering which will focus on recycling, curbside pickup, the Transfer Station, and school composting. Proposed panelists have all agreed to participate. Jan Ameen, Director, Franklin County Solid Waste District would talk about what is happening with recycling worldwide, and its effect on us. Marlo Warner, Director, Greenfield Public Works Department, would talk about plans to upgrade trash/recycling collection in Greenfield including the transfer station. Amy Donovan, Program Director, Franklin County Solid Waste District would talk about school composting programs. MJ also agreed to lead a brainstorming session on what services residents would like to see kept and/or offered at the Transfer Station. It will be at the John Zon Community Center from 5:30-7 pm. ACTION: Nancy will reserve the space. Other concerns discussed included illegal dumping, anaerobic digester, idling at the Transfer Station, demolition/construction debris, highlighting where the un-diverted trash goes, i.e. burned or buried.

Filling SGIC's vacant seats: Hannah R. has submitted a letter to the Mayor's office asking to join the committee. She has a background in strategic planning and implementation. Tim made a motion for an email to be sent to the Mayor and Mark Smith providing an enthusiastic endorsement for Hannah R. to be appointed to the SGIC. Mike Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. ACTION: Nancy will write the email. It was agreed to have future committee candidates attend a meeting prior to submitting anything to the Mayor's office, both to ensure a good fit with the committee and to potentially accelerate the appointment process.

Skate Park/fire/library etc Memo to Capital Spending Committee – There has been no response to this memo. Others supporting this memo have agreed it would be best to wait and advocate for the Skate Park next year.

Next meetings: Monthly Speaker idea – There was discussion about inviting speakers to our meetings to learn more about certain topics. This could include town department heads or outside experts. Concerns were expressed about having enough time or people being too busy. The Planning Board has an interest in meeting with SGIC in February, to hear what our priorities are. Given they will be discussing infrastructure and low impact development (LID) this spring, it

was suggested that we bring in a speaker on that topic. All agreed this was a great idea for the February meeting.
ACTION: Nancy will confirm with Planning Board that we would like them to join us for an hour, 5:30-6:30, on Feb 28, and will seek an appropriate speaker on green infrastructure. It was also proposed that a future meeting be held jointly with the Housing and Homelessness Committee and possibly the Planning Board, who will be considering may housing and related issues this spring.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm