

**City of Greenfield, Massachusetts**  
**Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)**  
**Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**

Minutes

Thursday, 10/24/2019, 5:00-6:30pm

**Attending:** Nancy Hazard, George Touloumtzis, Jay Lord, MJ Adams, Mike Pattavina, Tara Kurland, Hannah Rechtschaffen, Tim Dolan, Carole Collins **Absent:** Marlo Warner **Clerk:** Laurie DiDonato **Guest:** Russ Fisher

Meeting called to order at 5:04pm.

**Introductions & Updates:** Each member commented on sustainability progress they noted in the last month.

- Carole – Dashboards on Greenfield buildings will be LIVE on web in Nov. Watch for news release. Annual savings on lighting: Exterior lighting: \$144k. Interior lighting \$50k
- Mike mentioned the issue of recycling costs increasing with the next contract and he requested this issue be put on next month's agenda.
- Jay – Just Roots growing! New job just posted
- George. Master Plan mentioned several times at mayoral forums. Heartened by youth demos RE climate change – this might be a good time to recruit a youth member to SGIC.
- Nancy – Ditto to youth. Great to see new “green spaces” emerging along with downtown sidewalks being updated to be ADA compliant
- MJ
  - Vacant Store front district approved
  - 188 main street demo – start Nov 1 finished by thanksgiving
  - Got \$ for warming center – looking for shelter staff
  - Indus park expansion feasibility study – in the works
  - \$ for coop work spaces received—Another Castle and GreenWork space
  - Opportunity Zoning - Stakeholders looking at 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank + Armory
  - Garden Theater – expect extension and completion of ADA project in Jan
- Hannah – excited about Bees. Cultural council \$-Beatrice & collaborating with the many groups working on using bees to put Greenfield on the map.
- Tara – excited about Youth Climate Action; Nash's Mill bridge opening soon; and downtown events including story telling for kids, Dino Fest, and photo projects on National Bank Bld.
- LaurieD. Excited about Common Goods new effort-“Common Good Food Fund” & next round of community funding that will be announced soon.

**Approval of September Minutes** George made a motion to approve minutes from September's meeting. Jay Seconded. All voted in favor except for Carole who abstained.

**Library My Turn** – After much input from Committee members, Nancy submitted her My Turn to the Recorder.

**Voting on International Building Codes** -The SGIC's application to vote on the 2020 energy code was rejected. Laurie reported that the Wendell Energy Committee was also rejected. The reason cited for the rejection in Wendell was that the committee is not a town entity that sets or enforces regulations. Nancy thanked everyone who offered to vote. She will not contest their decision.

**5-year celebration and documenting progress:**

RE: Celebration. Could we hold a “Looking Back Looking Forward” Community Gathering?

**RE: Documenting progress:** ACTION: Jay and Nancy are planning to look again at the Master Plan Implementation table to see if it can be useful to the committee’s work. They will report to the committee as they progress. George is willing to help with the Transportation chapter.

### **Community Gatherings** –

Discussion continued on what to focus future community gatherings on. Many ideas were put forth that focused on the biosphere/climate change including food security and the need to clean up the Green River. MJ suggested pursuing a downtown-focused master plan, and tying this into an event that would also celebrate the progress of last 5 years.

There was interest in pulling out the downtown focused aspects of the current master plan as a starting point, possibly ID some benchmarks on how the Downtown topic is connected to the “biosphere/Climate Change theme,” and then get input from residents on their vision for downtown revitalization and create a plan like “Liveable Montague.”

It was suggested that we explore partnering with Positively Greenfield and the Downtown Neighborhood Association (Tim Dolan liaison).

ACTION: Hannah, George, MJ and Nancy volunteered to work on that project, and present a proposal at Nov meeting, with goal of finalizing details in Dec and holding January event.  
Hannah

Hannah suggested a future event to increase visibility of the bee sculptures and suggested this be put on the next agenda.

There was discussion on how social capital can be included in future events and discussions. Carole hopes the concept can be a catalyst to look at the master plan with a different focus. Jay suggested it be one of several benchmarks used to prioritize projects/events.

ACTION: Carole will bring some specific ideas on how social capital focus could be realized.

**CDBG report**- MJ reported on the projects that are ongoing as part of the CDBG program. Her report is attached. NOTE: Town has 2-years to complete projects funded by CDBG program. Next public CDBG meeting will be held on Nov 21 at 6:15pm, to overlap with Nov SGIC meeting.

### **NEXT SGIC MEETINGS:**

- Thurs, Nov 21, 5pm (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, to avoid Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Thurs, Dec 19, 5pm (Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, to avoid Christmas Holiday)
- Thurs Jan 23 – Community Gathering

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm