

**City of Greenfield, Massachusetts**  
**Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)**  
**Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**  
Minutes  
Thursday, 11/21/2019, 5:00-6:30pm

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

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm.

**Approval of October Minutes** Mike made a motion to approve minutes from October's meeting. MJ Seconded. All voted in favor.

**Updates: Building Dashboards:** Carole reported on the new building dashboards that are available on the website. Dashboards contain building details including energy usage, and project information, and will aid the City in planning for future projects.

**Housing and Parking Code:** Tim reported on new zoning changes that he and Otis Wheeler are proposing that include reduced building lot size and parking requirement changes, and a new class for 3-family homes. Planning Board hearing etc. coming up soon.

**Social Capital:** Carole provided a handout to better detail her ideas around social capital. The overall goal is creating a more vibrant, cohesive community that takes care of each other. She is proposing the committee consider looking through this lens when considering future directions.

A few key points included:

- Current zoning is the cause of many problems, and zoning changes should be a main strategy to work towards improvement.
- Robert Putnam, author of Bowling Alone etc. would be good speaker to invite for an event
- FRCOG Community Health Improvement Plan can be a resource.
- Strong Towns book is a good resource. Nancy has copies to loan out.
- Downtown neighborhood association has similar goals and can join forces with SGIC.
- ACTION: Carole will refine handout and email to everyone.

**Downtown plan and community gathering -** Hannah presented goals/references to our Downtown that she found in the master plan and a proposal for the next community gathering. Next steps are to pull out what has already been accomplished, and integrate SGIC's suggestions into an updated proposal for next community gathering to be presented at December SGIC meeting.

Event suggestions: One idea was to introduce the downtown, including introducing groups and people who are working on it, and zoning etc. and then invite discussion on "what we want it to be." Another idea was to set a goal that the meeting aim to build support for writing a new Livability/Downtown master plan. The Hive would like to host this event.

**ACTIONS:** Hannah will continue to collect downtown focused info from Master Plan, work with MJ Adams, George Touloumtzis, and Nancy Hazard on an updated draft proposal for the next community gathering.

**Documenting Progress** – Jay and Nancy have expanded on the economic development accomplishments section of the table Laurie DiDonato created. Their hope is that the table will

be useful to the committee to discuss needs/next steps, and to help communicate accomplishments to the community. The committee approved the format and content.

**ACTION:** Jay and Nancy will do the same for the remaining chapters, one chapter at a time, and bring forward suggestions for discussion of what SGIC needs to focus on as they progress.

**Community Preservation Act** – This is being considered by the Council. Carole suggested the SGIC write a letter supporting it and Tim agreed that was a good idea.

**Solid Waste Management** – Marlo Warner, DPW director, reported on the current status of solid waste issues. Anaerobic Digester is moving ahead; Tighe and Bond has been contracted as Operations Project Manager. There are some permitting issues that need to be reconciled. New recycling 5-year contract with Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) will take effect in July of 2020. New charge for recyclables will be \$93.50/ton. Currently the town is getting paid \$6 a ton, so this will lead to a projected budget increase of \$213,000. Trash costs \$82.50 /ton to dispose of. DPW is looking into alternatives for paper and glass, which could significantly cut down on tonnage going to the MRF. DPW is considering price increases for pay as you throw. Currently Greenfield has a waste ban which is monitored, so the City can get fined if recyclables are thrown away as trash.

Mike Pattavina sits on the MRF Advisory board. He reported that the MRF is researching options that would enable it to stay open and serve Greenfield and other area towns.

Boston has a zero-waste plan that Carole is interested in looking into, as well as other ways to reduce amount of waste and encourage economic development around local/regional recycling/re-use applications, and find the right messaging to get everyone to act.

**CDGB public hearing**- Lindsay Rowe, CDBG coordinator, reported on the projects that are ongoing as part of the CDBG program (see report) and asked for input on projects to be included in the 2020 grant round.

**NEXT SGIC MEETINGS:**

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm