

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
Minutes
Thursday, 4/25/2019, 5:00-6:30pm

Attending: Nancy Hazard, George Touloumtzis, Jay Lord, Tara Kurkland, Tim Dolan, Marlo Warner

Absent: MJ Adams, Carole Collins, Mike Pattavina

Clerk: Laurie DiDonato

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm.

Updates to achieving Sustainable Greenfield's goals – Nancy – Impressed by Downtown Neighborhood Association meeting: speaker and attendance were great. Jay – Ribbon cutting ceremony for Just Roots Solar, thankful for Brian Adams generosity to make it happen. Tim – Council voted support to change state seal.

Approval of March Minutes - George made a motion to approve minutes from March meeting. Tim Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital budget review & input (FY20 Budget Book pg 151-152 + 155-156)- There was discussion on how the capital budget is determined. Department heads ask for capital funds for various projects. These requests are sent to the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) who in turn makes recommendations to the Mayor. The Mayor will determine his final recommendation which then goes to the Council to vote on. The Council cannot vote any higher amounts than the Mayor recommends, with the exception of the school budget.

The budget will be voted on at the end of May. Nancy suggested the SGIC send in a recommendation on capital projects that are consistent with the Master Plan. Recommendations have already been made regarding the Fire Station, but it was suggested that we recommend the inclusion of a skate park in the feasibility study for the Fire Station. Marlo felt there was too much still unknown about the limitations of the site and preferred the focus stay on the Fire station feasibility. Nancy felt strongly that it made sense for the skate park possibility to be assessed at the same time if possible. Several suggestions were made and although Marlo agreed that looking at the whole picture would be advantageous, he was not sure it would fit into the fire station feasibility budget.

Several items that were included in the DPW's capital request were discussed as being consistent with the Master Plan and were proposed to be recommended by SGIC. These included full funding for water meter replacement, I&I Projects, Replacing Leyden Road pump station, and the Anaerobic digester (this project has been reduced to accommodate only Greenfield, with the ability to expand so other towns can join later). The Wiley Russell Dam repair project was discussed briefly but there was not a consensus to include a recommendation on this project. George requested that any recommendations be anchored to the master plan. Nancy was hoping to be able to draft a recommendation and have it reviewed and approved before the April 30th meeting of the Ways and Means committee where the DPW budget would be discussed. Jay made a motion that Nancy write a draft letter based on the above discussion, and circulate it to the committee for approval before submitting. George Seconded. All voted in favor.

Calendar - Next Meeting is May 23rd. The agenda will include the Deerfield street project. The creative economy event is planned for June 27th. A solid waste event will be planned for the fall. It is still unknown if we will have meetings in July and August.

Building Codes –Prior to the meeting, Carole notified the group that the Mayor sent a letter to the ICC stating he did not approve Nancy's membership.

New Committee Members -Hannah Rechtschaffen -Mayor is still not making appointment recommendations at this time. Nancy will check in with Hannah to confirm interest as she has been unable to attend several meetings.

Announcements

Drawdown book discussion– June 3 at the library- book outlines a plan to reverse climate change

Pioneer Valley Smart Growth summit - May 9, 2019 – Holyoke <https://www.great-neighborhoods.org/pvsummit> . The cost is \$25. Nancy is carpooling with Otis Wheeler in case others are interested.

Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm