

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
Minutes
Thursday, 1/23/2020, 5:00-6:30pm

Attending: Nancy Hazard, George Touloumtzis, Jay Lord, MJ Adams, Mike Pattavina, Hannah Rechtschaffen, Carole Collins, **Absent:** Marlo Warner, Tim Dolan, Tara Kurland **Clerk:** Laurie DiDonato **Guests:** Lindsay Rowe, Otis Wheeler, Bill Stathis, CDBG Hearing participants on sign-in sheet.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

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

NancyH - 188 Main St building taken down! + Exploration of Green Fields Market moving to Wilson's building!

Laurie - Free parking downtown on Saturdays!! (including the garage!)

George – Housing/parking ordinances moving forward! Feb 11 Joint PB and Zoning meeting

Hannah – excited about New Mayor + Dar Williams book “What I found in 1000 towns”

MJ – Dar Williams accepted invite to come to town! Sat Feb 22 mid-day H&R. Open with music followed by panel discussion of downtown RE her book etc.

Lindsay – CDBG projects moving forward and plans for next round of funding

Bill Stathis – Loves his new job as AA to the Mayor. He is attending as liaison to the Mayor. + Self intro.

Approval of December Minutes Mike made a motion to approve minutes from the December meeting with minor edit. Jay Seconded. All voted in favor.

Downtown-focused community gathering – Event is planned for February 27th at Hawks and Reed, it is uncertain which floor, Nancy will confirm. Panelists include GCC Representative TBA, Greenfield Gallery owner Rachael Katz, Greenfield Business Association Chair and business owner Bill Baker, Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, Town Councilor & Greenfield Downtown Neighborhood Association Otis Wheeler, Hawks and Reed Rep/Greenspace Co-organizer & urban planner Jeff Sauser. Nancy will do welcome, Roxann will give background on Master Plan at start, Hannah will moderate panel discussion, MJ will moderate Q and A. Title will be “A Deliberate Downtown; Growth by Design”

An invitation will be drafted by Hannah and sent out to committee members and by eblast so they can personally invite business owners and other stakeholders they know.

Jay solicited input on what to highlight in accomplishments presentation which he will be putting together.

NEXT SGIC MEETINGS:

- Community Gathering Thurs, February 27, 5:30 pm

- Thurs March 26th 5PM- regular meeting

- Discussion on shifting meeting from 4th Thursday to 3rd or 2nd Thursday to avoid holiday conflicts and help Nancy consolidate meetings. Others had conflicts, so will revisit in March.

Announcements:

Livable Turners Falls event – Feb 1st, 11am-3pm. Great Falls Discovery Center. “Where Do We Grow from Here?” a community review of the Downtown Turners Falls Livability Plan.

Trees and their Roles in the Lives of Native Bees – Wed Feb 5, 7pm, First Congregational Church. Joan Milam, research scientist and UMass Amherst Faculty member offered by Greenfield Tree Committee and Greening Greenfield.

Committee Business:

Tim Dolan is leaving committee and Council will determine who will be next representative soon. No current members' terms expire in 2020 but reorganization/election of officers is due. This will be taken up at March meeting.

CDGB Public Hearing- Lindsay Rowe, CDBG coordinator, reviewed the City's 2020 CDBG Mini-entitlement program application.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 pm