

**City of Greenfield, Massachusetts**  
**Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)**  
Remote Meeting via Zoom  
Minutes  
Thursday 5/28/2020, 5:00-6:30pm

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

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

**Updates on achieving Sustainable Greenfield’s goals:**

- NancyH – Beautification! Grass in bumpouts and around trees + new sidewalk on Hope Street. & Opportunity to send a letter in support of net-zero-energy “smart” building code.
- MJ – Greenfield was awarded a Downtown Initiative Grant to conduct an economic analysis and market assessment for Downtown Greenfield - Finepoint (Peg Barringer) will be our consultant - start up later this summer.
- CaroleC – Excited about a grant she just submitted to Upgrade Fisk Ave public area – will hear in July
- Marlo – Happy with City Council budget - \$ for new retaining wall for Fisk Ave, plus a lot of other projects. DPW will be going out to bid on them after July 1. DPW working with Christy Moore on re-opening the swimming area -likely in 2-3 weeks.
- PhilE-City Council passed recommended zoning changes. ADU’s can now be built “by right.” A sub-committee was created to research how to update the code “inexpensively.” See City Council minutes for details
- George – Happy that Library will re-open soon
- Jacob – Chatted with NancyH about things that youth could do to support home energy upgrades, and misc. environmental actions
- Mike – Has been walking in the neighborhood and appreciating people’s efforts to beautify their yards. And lots of things being recycled!
- Tara -She and her kids are also appreciating the beauty of yards, parks, and woods!
- Hannah – Excited that the GCC Downtown committee among other things is researching grants again! She is SGIC rep on the committee.
- Laurie – Mass Save is doing virtual assessments! And offering to cover 100% of the cost of insulation if folks make an appointment for an assessment by July 30.

**Approval of Minutes-** George made a motion to approve the April minutes. Carole seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nancy offered to collect opening updates for minutes.

**Town Committee Vacancies** – George reported on Committees that have more than one vacancy which included: Commission on Disability Access- 2 vacancies; Council on Aging - 4 vacancies; Historical Commission - 2 vacancies; Human Rights Commission -3 vacancies; Local Cultural Council - 6 vacancies; Planning Board - 2 vacancies; Youth Commission - 6 or 8 vacancies. The Mayor has started working to fill vacancies. Penny Ricketts has said she plans to try reconvening the Youth Commission. George requested a copy of the ordinance that created the Youth Commission so we could be clear on the criteria of who can be a member, specifically how many youth members should be on it.

**CDBG Update** – Lindsay gave an update on the status of ongoing projects through the CDBG program.

**Net Zero Energy Code** – Nancy and Carole are requesting the committee approve the submission of a letter to the Mass Board of Building Regulations and Standards in support of a net zero stretch code based on the EZ –code. The Mayor is in support of this. George made a motion to approve the letter for submission with stylistic edits as needed. Marlo seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Hannah will submit the letter.

**Downtown Revitalization Groups**- Hannah was unable to find information on groups active in Greenfield from FRCOG so is planning to send around a survey to the SGIC members to determine what groups each are affiliated with.

**Action Items-**

Hannah will submit building code letter  
MJ will look into Youth Commission Ordinance  
Hannah will send out survey to SGIC members

Next meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:10 pm