

City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
Remote Meeting via Zoom
Minutes
Thursday 6/25/2020, 5:00-6:30pm

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

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Updates on achieving Sustainable Greenfield’s goals:

1. **Introductions and Updates** on achieving Sustainable Greenfield’s goals:
 - PhilE – City Council discussing Black Lives Matter issues; Econ Development COVID-related issues to enable socializing etc. with safe distancing such as outdoor dining (Mayor) + new bike lanes/one-way streets (Tim Dolan) + Otis has some ideas + Wife, Margo Jones, on Tree Committee—looking at getting to know trees better in Highland Park -in person and/or virtual informational walks/tours. + He is working on the idea of enticing Apple to purchase the National Bank Building and create an ‘Apple Store.’ There is only one in the Pioneer Valley – at Ingleside Mall. He has a contact at Apple.
 - NancyH -Library progress! THANKS to Carole Collins for her work to ensure building is 0-net + amazing committee on landscaping recommendations headed up by Wisty Rorabacher with commitment to native plants + pollinator support + hiring local suppliers and workers.
 - CaroleC-Hopeful about achieving 0-net library + excited about state “share the streets” \$/dining outdoors (more-see notes below) + will be making a remote presentation to the MA Sustainable Communities & Campuses Conference.
 - Jacob – Library progress! Has joined Landscaping committee & trying to find out about who owns retaining wall on west side of Post Office.
 - Marlo – Library landscaping – met with Wisty and Mary Chicoine last week. Appreciated questions about DPW issues around snow removal, maintenance tec. + Nashes Mill Bridge DONE + Working with others on creating a plan for Main St that he aims to get into the TIP queue, that would involve parking/bike lanes/snow issues. Public input on the plan likely in the fall.
 - Lindsay – Working on “share the streets” grant +micro-enterprise zones (\$ for small businesses) +looking at CARES Act \$ + attended FC Resource Network meeting – they are looking at “self-sufficiency” issues and thinking about urban framing, including fruit trees.
 - Hannah – Serving on the GCC Rural Innovation Hub Advisory Committee, helping youth understand leadership and municipal government.

Approval of Minutes- Nancy made a motion to approve the May minutes. Phil seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Net Zero Energy Code – The support letter from SGIC was submitted. Nancy reported that the Board of Building Regulations and Standards voted to push adoption of new code off to January 2021. Carole noted that the EZ code that has been proposed may need tweaks to be equitable as some aspects may be prohibitive to achieve.

Downtown Revitalization Groups- **ACTION ITEM:** Hannah will send out survey to SGIC members to help get a tally of groups involved in Downtown revitalization.

Shared Streets Grant – MJ reported on a new grant the City has received to help restaurants create outdoor dining and increase business during COVID restrictions. A new permitting process has also been put in place to facilitate outdoor dining. It is hoped that this can serve as a pilot project for future expansion of outdoor dining downtown, even once restrictions are lifted. Part of this project will involve closing off Court Square with planters for Hawks and Reed to use.

Remote Community Event – Nancy proposed we consider a community event via Zoom. Discussion ideas included Wilson's and the Shared Streets project. There was interest in creating a mini-documentary around the Shared Streets process, inviting restaurant owners to talk, and looking behind the scenes. **ACTION ITEM:** Phil will reach out to Phillippe at GCTV to see what support they could provide. **ACTION ITEM:** Hannah will work to sketch out a concept for the documentary.

Next meeting is July 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:25 pm