

Meeting Minutes

Weston Sustainable Committee

(SusCom)

5 August 2020

| Sustainable Committee Members | Present | Sustainable Committee Members | Present |
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| David Ayer (DA) Member at Large | yes | Rachael Stewart (RS) School Com. Rep | yes |
| Phoebe Beierle (PB) Permanent Bldg. Com Rep | yes | Sandy Kendall (SK) Member at Large | yes |
| Leslie Glynn (LG) Planning Board Rep | yes | Katharina Wilkins (KW) Chair, BOS Liaison | yes |
| Chris Jyllka (CJ) Member at Large | yes | | |

| No. | Description | Action |
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| 1. | A ZOOM meeting of the Weston Sustainable Committee was held, as duly posted, and called to order at 7:05 PM. | - |
| 2. | There were no public comments. | |
| 3. | Minutes approved: RS motion to approve minutes from June 9 meeting. Committee approved minutes. | - |
| 4. | DA offered Land's Sake update: Land's Sake presented to Select Board. The organization is applying for a climate resiliency grant and a food security infrastructure grant from the state to help support its expansion. They seek support. DA moves that Suscom write a letter of support. Passes unanimously. | DA & SK to draft letter |
| 5. | PB offered Weston Ahead update: Website ready to go. Urges all to take survey, make pledge, and share link to others, recruiting participation. Up soon: KLA will do a train-the-trainer session. KLA finished focus group, and have scheduled times to meet with Permanent Building Committee and Rotary Club. Suggestion to schedule with Planning Board as well. (Suscom may also help Planning Board with rationale for environmental zoning.) More communications outreach under way—KLA will take feedback, will supply list of sample projects. A working group in September will decide on the focus/narrow that list. | PB will call Imai |
| 6. | KW offers Energy Assessment update: MAPC grant supported energy use analysis of town shows WMS and WHS the biggest user. (A 10% cut would = cost of sustainability staffer.) In 2011 we pledged to reduce consumption by 20%—we haven't. Much could be done via behavior change, as shown by Acton Boxborough. Next steps: When analysis is completed (incl. compiled report by MAPC, including identifying sensible energy reducing steps with potential for future Green Communities grants), present data to facilities. Ideally, entice facilities dept to participate in upcoming meetings. Translate report to compelling PPT that tells a story with call to action that we could take to Select Board. | - |
| 7. | Brainstorm catalog for future consideration (to be discussed in more detail at next meeting): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about town vehicle purchasing schedules (incl DPW vehicles, electric school busses?, etc). • Invite other groups of interest (WFT?) • Invite Kate, energy manager from Acton Boxborough, to teach us about successful behavior changes made there • Light Pollution • How to lean on Eversource to bring Field School live? | |
| 8. | Miscellaneous updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary is filling out a grant for an electric car charging station at JST. • 10/1 event at Field School: Virtual solar tour (PB to ask Gary, Suscom might help). • CCA meeting with Dept of Energy is coming up (normal next step). • In a future meeting Suscom will brainstorm goals/initiatives for the year. • Of note, town election 9/10; town meeting 9/12. | |

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| 9. | Next meeting: September 8, 7pm, via Zoom. | |
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Attachments: none

Respectfully submitted: Sandy Kendall