

Meeting Minutes

Weston Sustainability Committee

(SusCom)

September 8, 2020

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

Others Present: None

No.	Description	Action
1.	A meeting of the Weston Sustainable Committee was held utilizing Zoom video, as duly posted, in the Town Hall and called to order at 7:05 PM.	-
2.	KW read the Open Meeting directive from Gov. Baker.	
3.	Resident Comments: None	-
4.	The minutes from August 5, 2020 meeting were approved by roll call.	-
5.	PB provided an update on Weston Ahead. KLA to train on conducting meetings, providing "Meeting in a Box". COA has scheduled two remote meetings around Weston Ahead, the first focused on energy efficiency, and the second on Recycling / Composting.	-
6.	Energy Use Analysis of school buildings in October / November timeframe. Janet Moffat Kresl from the high school wants to utilize this data to be analyzed by her students.	-
7.	The committee came up with some future projects to be considered. See attached excel sheet.	
8.	KW provided an update of the Weston Power Choice program. Required submissions have been sent to MA Dept. of Energy Resources, no timeline of reply.	
9.	KW asked if the committee was still in favor of the PLPA (Public Lands Protection Act) that Phil Saunders had presented previously. The committee was and authorized KW to sign support letter for the whole committee.	-
10.	The next meeting of the Sustainable Committee will be held on October 15, 2020 starting at 7:00 PM, via Zoom video conference.	-

Attachments: Potential Projects

Respectfully submitted: David Ayer

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Potential Projects

Latest Update:
10/9/20

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Project Leaders</u>
Coordinator Hire	Hire new Coordinator	New hire start 1/1/2021 update job description coordinate with Leon on hiring timetable participate in recruiting and interview process disseminate job posting possibly reach out to Lexington? involve facilities and PBC in interviewing	Katharina David Phoebe
Green Community	Apply for new grants	Write and article about Green Communities grant received and update on planned work/progress/projected energy and \$\$\$ savings	
Targeted Energy Audit	Recommissioning / Retrocommissioning of HVAC systems in town buildings New GC project identification Deep dive audit in specific buildings (HS? MS?)		
Solar Storage	Explore potential storage solutions	possibly aligned with additional solar PV	Chris Jylkka
Municipal Electric Vehicles	Explore securing electric vehicles including buses		Chris Jylkka David Ayer
Residential Solar	Promote through incentives residential solar projects		
Field School Solar	Pressure Eversource to connect to grid		
Light Pollution	Work with planning board to reduce light pollution	Planning board is very interested in this topic, requires dark sky fixtures etc	
PAYT Support	Help with the promotion to recycle more and utilize composting to reduce the solid waste. Also promote using transfer station as opposed to private haulers.	Invite Jackie Johnson to talk about PAYT plans	
Water Conservation	Reducing Weston's extremely high water usage		
Resilience against Climate Conditions	With climate change producing stronger, more intense storms. How can we protect the power / internet infrastructure		
Promotion of Sustainability Programs	Keep public informed of committees actions	Write an article in Town Crier about Energy Analysis grant received, and progress report on work planned/completed	AKW
Reducing/limiting pesticide use on town land	chemical free lands around schools, conservation	build collaborations with parents/SWAG/conservation/planning/pollinator alliance	