



Sustainability Commission

Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, July 15, 2025
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Groton Center

Attendees: Pat Parker-Roach, Alison Peterson, Bruce Easom, Veronica O'Donnell, Ken Horton, Linda Loren, Ginger Vollmar, Charlotte Weigel

Meeting Called to order at.... 7:03pm

Minutes:

Called to Order– 7:03 pm

Agenda:

- Climate Action Subcommittee update
 - Charlotte gave update
 - Moving forward with Climate Leaders requirements
 - Pursuer stakeholders outreach for stretch building energy code for new construction – perhaps get on Fall Town Meeting agenda by 8/21 - depends on opinion of building inspector/commissioner (Bob Garside)
 - Perhaps approach the planning board
 - Perhaps do a stakeholder assessment with builders
- Energy Coaching Subcommittee update
 - Ken Horton
 - Activity picking up – 4 clients in last 4 weeks
 - Need more marketing
 - Jim Moissan is finished with training and scheduled to start apprenticing with experienced coaches
- Grant Subcommittee update
 - Charlotte
 - Andre Correa is coming from Bedford to be our Energy Manager starting 8/4 and will be meeting with all 4 town managers
 - High School grant for evaluation of retrofitting has been sent in
 - Applying for a municipal decarbonization grant to support new Energy Manager
- Pollinator Habitat Subcommittee update
 - Alison
 - Continue maintenance on garden at The Groton Center
 - Asking for \$300 to replace 2 shrubs (St John's Wort) which died during draught and 5 other plants
 - Bruce made motion to authorize up to \$300 for above purchases
 - Alison seconded the motion
 - passed

- 1 abstention
 - 1 no
 - 6 yes
 - Outreach/Communication Subcommittee update:
 - Request that each subcommittee submit articles for monthly newsletter
 - Publish on first of the month
 - Submission one week early - Pat send reminder a week before that
 - Fall Groton Fest – Commission participation? \$200
 - Potential Participation
 - Coaching Booth
 - Pictures of Groton Center Pollinators
 - EV Frontloader
 - Charlotte moved we approve \$200 for 2 slots at GrotonFest – Ken seconded
 - Approved unanimously
 - Authorize payment of \$750 to MassEnergize for membership renewal
 - Not brought up
 - Review newsletter format and July’s content
 - Not brought up
 - Discussion with Prescott Center
 - Charlotte reviewed our meeting with PSCC
 - 2 potential levels of interaction
 - Keep each other informed to Coordinate efforts to avoid overlap
 - Cooperation potential on pollinators but need to work out funding if necessitated
 - Potentially apply for grant to make things delivered at Prescott free to the public
 - Is there some kind of event we can work with Prescott on
 - Linda – get grant to hire spiffy speaker – Dan Jaffe Wilder of perhaps David Black
 - Pat will reach out to Prescott to see what they would like to propose
 - Bruce will work on grant as things materialize
 - We will keep Prescott aware of our edu plans
 - Charlotte made a motion to keep Prescott apprised of our educational plans Bruce seconded
 - Approved unanimously
 - Charlotte proposed we explore collaborating with Prescott on a Pollinator Event – Bruce seconded
 - Pass unanimously
 - Two members left so we are adjourning at 8:39
- The rest of tonight’s agenda will need to be pushed forward to our next scheduled meeting

- Question on Commission hosting Groton Climate Action seminars
- Sustainability members leaving the Commission
 - Who is taking over David's responsibilities?
- Budget review
- Authorize payment of \$750 to MassEnergize for membership renewal
- Review meeting minutes from May Commission meeting

Respectfully submitted,

- *Charlotte Weigel*

Approved by Groton Sustainability Commission, September 3, 2025.