



Sustainability Commission

Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: REMOTE VIA ZOOM

Attendees: Pat Parker-Roach, Alison Peterson, Veronica O'Donnell, Ginger Vollmar, Charlotte Weigel, Ken Horton was on and off the meeting.

Meeting Called to order at.... 7:00 pm

Agenda:

- Approve January 20th meeting minutes
 - Pat moved to approve
 - Ginger seconded.
 - Unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- Climate Change update
 - Specialized stretch code outreach:
 - Recent meeting review
 - Meeting with Conservation Commission went pretty well, not unanimous support, but a few Commissioners expressed support.
 - Council on Aging: Most people left before we even got to the content on the Specialized Stretch Energy Code. Of the 5-6 folks who stayed to the end, they asked great questions, were overall supportive.
 - Trails: Mixed reaction
 - Groton Conservation Trust: Supportive, not a lot of questions
 - GBA: Mixed reaction
 - Next meetings scheduled
 - Affordable Housing Trust
 - Democratic Town Committee
 - Invasive Species Committee

- Still working on meeting with Republican Town Committee, local builders, Groton Grange and Destination Groton.
- Resources review
 - Group edited flyer for March 5th event. Need to confirm Groton Channel can attend and then can distribute
 - Ginger will post to social media and at Haeffner's if allowed and any other business around there.
 - Pat will post at the library, Town Hall and anywhere in between we can post.
 - Charlotte will send to Town Hall to post on Town website, and send to schools to post in Community emails and to Environmental Club
 - Group edited Letter to the Editor to advertise the March 5th event. Need to confirm Groton Channel can attend and then Charlotte will send to Groton Herald for Feb 27th publication.
 - Group looked at sample hand out for March 5th from a similar event held in another town. Group agreed that format is good, but content should be changed for Groton.
- Upcoming meeting with Affordable Housing Commission
 - Group reviewed draft presentation. Lots of discussion on Q&A section.
 - Municipal decarbonization roadmap update
 - Town is off and running with data collection
 - Need to engage schools
- Energy Coaching update
 - No update
- Grant update
 - Schools working with Andres on Regional School District Decarbonization Grant. Application due March 5th.
- Pollinator Habitat and Pollinator Pathway update
 - Alison working on purchasing sign.
- Outreach/Communication update
 - Switched website to wordpress site
 - Making sure consistent
- Budget review

- No update
- 2026 Planning (continuation, as needed)
 - No discussion
- Open Discussion Topics
 - Nothing

Meeting dismissed at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,
- Charlotte Weigel

Approved by Groton Sustainability Commission, **March 17th, 2026**