

# **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

## **Weston Sustainable Committee**

(SusCom)

**March 8, 2022**

<b>Sustainable Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Sustainable Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>
David Ayer (DA) Member at Large	Y	Alyson Muzila (AM) School Com. Rep	Y
Phoebe Beierle (PB) Permanent Bldg. Com Rep	Y	Alex Selvig (AS) Planning Board Rep	N
Chris Jylkka (CJ) Member at Large	Y	Katharina Wilkins (AKW) Chair, Select Board Liaison	Y
Sandy Kendall (SK) Member at Large	Y		

Others Present: Kortni Wroten (KW), – Weston Sustainability Coordinator; Debbie Slotpole – Resident, SWAG,

No.	Description	Action
1.	A meeting of the Weston Sustainability Committee was held utilizing Zoom video, as duly posted, and called to order at 7:08 p.m.	-
2.	AKW read the open meeting directive from Gov. Baker.	AKW
3.	February meeting minutes were approved unanimously pending correction of one typo. PB moved, DA seconded.	-
4.	<b>Permanent Building Committee:</b> PB reports PBC continues working on issues related to Memorial Pool, WHS Wing F roof, storage at Brooks School Apts.	PB
5.	<b>School Committee:</b> (AM only present for part of this meeting due to SC at the same time). PB reports bidders are now submitting proposals for WMS roof unit (to be lower energy option compared to the current system, but not electric). KW reports she talked to solar provider Solect re. possible arrays on school roofs if any are replaced, a topic SC will be tackling. They also discussed solar parking lot canopies; Green Communities Grant program offers money for such installations for battery storage for resilience (not shaving peak demand) so they might be placed somewhere that could serve as shelter, e.g., a school.	AM/PB/ KW
6.	<b>Grants update:</b> KW reports on five grant opportunities she’s looking at. 1. MVP Action Grant – Sustainable landscaping education program 2. Green Communities Grant – Weatherization for schools. Facilities estimates we have \$300k worth of projects; GC grants are less than that so Facilities will prioritize. There are also grants possible for e-vehicle charging stations (utility offers programs that will make site ready). 3. MAPC Tech Assistance Grant – Possible regional appeal for e-schoolbus. 4. DEP Grant – Sustainable materials recovery grant provides dollars per action (e.g., having PAYT gets us \$2k). \$30k available for school recycling; working with AM and PB on districtwide policy. 5. Municipal Energy Tech Assistance Grant – To study electrification of Town Hall. KW in talks with consultant.	KW
7.	<b>Continued Discussion re: Bylaws on Fossil Fuel Infrastructure:</b> In light of the Attorney General’s recently having struck down Brookline’s bylaw to limit on-site fossil fuel–burning systems in new building, Committee agrees to put pause on our efforts in that direction. Instead, we’ll focus on supporting new “stretch code” being developed for Massachusetts. There is a comment period open now. AKW and SK will draft a letter to support stronger code. Will offer Leon to sign on behalf of town, or committee will sign. A municipality can “opt in” to have the most environmentally rigorous level of building code apply to it; such adoption has to happen at Town Meeting. Once code established, Committee will plan how to do outreach in support for next appropriate TM.	All
8.	<b>Upcoming events:</b> Land Sake will have an Earth Day event. Sus Com can have a table there, as can SWAG. Will discuss at next meeting what table interactive will be, so we don’t duplicate.	AKW

9.	<b>Upcoming Meeting:</b> Next Meeting April 12 (tentative, checking with members not present; backup date April 13) at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.	AKW
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Respectfully submitted: Sandy Kendall