

Meeting Minutes

Weston Sustainable Committee

(SusCom)

March 16, 2021

Sustainable Committee Members	Present	Sustainable Committee Members	Present
David Ayer (DA) Member at Large	N	Alyson Muzila (AM) School Com. Rep	Y
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	N		

Others Present: Sarah Maas Scheuplein and Debbie Slotpole

Meeting Notes:

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: Sarah Maas Scheuplein, Sudbury Road: Weston Plant & Pollinator Alliance is working with the Weston Water Working Group and Rail Trail Advisory Committee to design, install, and maintain a demonstration garden with natives, low water usage, easy to maintain species. The parcel on the Rail Trail near Concord Rd has been selected as the first garden, with more being planned. It will contain 10-15 species of hearty plants that are also readily available at local garden centers. Opening is targeted for Pollinator week - June 21-27 th . Debbie Slotpole: Submitted an article to the Crier about composting in Town.	-
4.	Meeting minutes from the February 2021 meetings were approved as submitted.	-
5.	Committee Updates: Permanent Building – PB shared that a solar dashboard is now live for the Field School solar installation. It is pretty basic but with a public access link can be a resource for families, Planning Board – PB shared that the Cambridge School of Weston is working with the Planning Board to assess policies from other cities/towns regarding recycling demolition waste from teardowns. School Committee - AM shared that WEEFC – two proposals for school gardens at the Middle & Field schools. Principals are excited about the proposals. AM noted that there is a request to incorporate into curriculum. AM – would like to plan a meeting/event on sustainable land management in town as a next step in partnership with other 10 groups that have been identified.	-

	<p>AM – was at the high school this evening and was disturbed by the amount of garbage on the fields. Would like to engage the Principals to participate and get their students involved & will also connect with the PTO.</p> <p>PAYT - KW on behalf of DA – PAYT presentation on April 13th at the Select Board meeting to discuss and pass the proposal. Would be helpful</p>	
6.	<p>KM informed the committee that the Land’s Sake Farm was not successful in gaining a grant to help in financing a new greenhouse. Land’s Sake Farm ask the committee to update our letter of support so that they might submit the letter on another grant. All members agreed to sign the letter.</p>	-
7.	<p>PB provided a CARP update – Specific Action Blueprints will be reviewed by the Town soon and will ask for help to review to ensure the correct stakeholders are named. There will be a public comment period in April, plan will be finalized in May. KW will present goals of the plan to SB in April.</p>	-
8.	<p>KW discussed that the Town is hiring an Energy / Sustainability Coordinator. The final candidate was chosen, and an offer provided. Hope to have someone on board by the end of March.</p>	-
9.	<p>KW discussed the upcoming Town Clean-up, scheduled for April 11 – 18. https://www.facebook.com/westontowncleanup need to connect with Jackie at the Transfer Station about whether residents who participate in the cleanup can drop off a couple bags at the Transfer Station during the week of April 11-18th.</p> <p>Joel Angelillo reached out to Weston/Wayland Rotary Club about participating. Sign up on Facebook, take photos of the pile you collect with your family or “team”.</p>	-
10	<p>Earth Day discussion: See spreadsheet for list of Earth Day events being planned in Weston: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hXc6-nQX0EoJB0GuBsQy0TO76eMK5QvU4lr157p0XgQ/edit#gid=0</p> <p>Additional resource being planned for WPPA: Jonathan Bransfield is an expert on sustainable landscaping; working on video topics for Earth Month for first and last week of April to promote native and pollinator garden planning and water conservation.</p>	-
11	<p>The next meeting of the Sustainable Committee will be held on April 7, 2021 starting at 7:00 PM, via Zoom video conference.</p>	-

Submitted by Phoebe Beierle