

Meeting Minutes

Weston Sustainability Committee

May 7, 2019

Sustainability Committee Members	Present	Sustainability Committee Members	Present
Phoebe Beierle (PB)	yes		no
Leslie Glynn (LG)	yes	Sandy Kendall (SK)	Yes
Victor Guzman (VG)	no	Katharina Wilkins (KW) – Chair	Yes

No.	Description	Action
1.	Residents: Debbie Slotpole, SWAG, present to observe	
2.	Agenda Agenda included hearing from two certified providers for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant execution. That was followed by administrative biz.	
3.	Presentation 1: Fuss & O’Neill Mary Monahan of Fuss and O’Neill and Pallavi Pane of the Charles River Watershed Association introduced their organization and work with the MVP process. Their strength is nature-based engineering, deep familiarity with prescribed requirements for Mass MVP process. Climate resiliency work is a specialty service in this large engineering firm. A little more focused on leadership and town. Have worked with many MA towns on MVP applications, e.g. Belchertown, Northampton, Sherborn.	ALL
4.	Presentation 2: Kim Lundgren Associates Kim Lundgren – shared her experience and approach. Strong emphasis on marketing and outreach, and going beyond the prescribed state process to ask for more. Strength is in engagement, and looking at bigger goals. A little more focused on community. Environmental planning seems to be focus of this organization. Massachusetts towns KLA has worked with: Concord, New Bedford, plus Indianapolis IN, San Antonio TX, and Encinitas CA.	ALL
5.	Group Discussion All present shared impressions from the two presentations. Determining not to make a decision then and there, we took a straw vote, pending further due diligence. Unanimously, the committee felt either provider would serve us well, with a slight inclination toward KLA for the sense of drive to go beyond prescribed duties and perceived strength in strategically sharing messaging to the larger community. Members planned to read over materials and look at the organization’s sites, etc. We also thought we should ask them, given X amount of dollars, what would you provide? As well as, How soon can you start? Decision likely to be made at next meeting.	ALL
6.	Committee Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The quorum reviewed and approved previous meeting’s minutes. 2. KW will go to Mass 350 meeting (5/12), and network with an eye to aggregating our work in this area with other communities in our watershed, for example. 3. PB agreed to serve as liaison to PB, appropriately enough; to be confirmed at next Planning Board meeting (5/14). 4. Next meeting: May 21 	ALL KW PB

Respectfully submitted: Sandy Kendall