

Meeting Minutes

Weston Sustainability Committee

September 5, 2019

Sustainability Committee Members	Present	Sustainability Committee Members	Present
Phoebe Beierle (PB) Perm. Bldg. Com Rep	Yes	Rachael Stewart (RS) School Com. Rep	Yes
David Ayer (DA)- Member at Large	No	Sandy Kendall (SK) Member at Large	Yes
Leslie Glynn (LG) Planning Board Rep	No	Katharina Wilkins (KW) – Chair, BoS rep	Yes
Chris Jylkka (CJ) Member at Large	Yes		

No.	Description	Action
1.	Residents present:	
2.	Agenda Agenda included	
3.	<p>MVP process PB reports: Core meeting to be 9/11, Town Hall. KLA will lead. VHB (doing hazard mitigation) and Charles River Watershed Association (sub-contractor). Prep for that meeting will be on 9/6 (KW and PB to attend).</p> <p>Survey released end of Sept for any and all takers. KLA has a platform for survey. Kara will help us get out.</p> <p>After 9/11, workshops will be planned for October/November – with expanded group. (Others to add, include golf courses & ski, Campion Ctr., St. Julia’s...) The goal is to have 20-30 people for two four-hour sessions. Activities will include maps of Weston, folks will review, alongside climate science projections for our area. Pull out major risks and challenges + opportunities for Weston. Output = summary of findings, with list of top vulnerabilities and priority projects. List of projects will be used to apply for action grant funding from state.</p> <p>Public listening session will be in November. Will update everyone about process and what we found, and gather constituent feedback. Good to have data to present at listening session.</p> <p>Challenge = busy civic season (e.g., Nov 2—all town committee meeting. Dec Town meeting coming soon thereafter) plus holidays and long weekends—will it be hard to get people to come? Invitation has to sell the idea. Incentives... food? Prizes for participation?</p>	<p>KW, PB</p> <p>?</p> <p>All</p>
4.	<p>Outreach Article for Town Crier after 9/11 meeting. (Friday deadlines) Could mention upcoming public listening session and play off Sept being preparedness month.</p> <p>Student engagement? Get survey to students on 9/20 (as part of Climate Strike day activities)? Could also chalk announcements at WHS and middle school. Sign up for listening session. Could students make a video to promote the listening session? Or a</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>SK</p>

	<p>contest for tiktok meme on environment? Goal is to include student voices. Use high school green team? Thea (SK's daughter) leading Climate Strike activities could serve as liaison?</p> <p>Key part of all of this: Scientific data and climate science. MVP consultants all use the same info that is state sourced. Should we make sure folks are exposed to that before taking survey of concerns? KLA likely to have experience. Need to make sure way info is presented doesn't influence, e.g., "shorter snow accumulation" may sound good.</p>	
5.	<p>Permanent Building Committee Re. our irrigation concerns: Town center project was supposed to have had a well for irrigating lawn and plants. It's being planned now (through change order) and will likely service JST as well.</p>	PB
6.	<p>Website review LG has been working on this.</p>	
7.	<p>Update on Field School Solar The project is delayed. Possible issues of concern are around 40B & projected population growth of school aged residents. Might mean Field school would need to be expanded in the future, which would impact the solar installation. Solar-ready was a selling point to win approval for Field School when it was built, which added cost.</p> <p>Eversource interconnection can be very slow so maybe we should continue forward anyway and in Jan 2020 we will definitely know more about 40B impact. We need to weigh the probability of having to increase field school size in near future to the loss of savings.</p> <p>PB will contact Matt Shortsleeve (Solect) to see if he can give us updated numbers.</p> <p>PB writing to Neal Duffy of Green Communities. Also to Gary on the PBC.</p> <p>RS to figure out enrolment projections. Compare to conjectural 40B</p>	RS, PB
8.	<p>Future meetings (and known absences)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/17 – no SK • 10/01 • 10/15 – no RS 	All

Respectfully submitted: Sandy Kendall