

Meeting Start date and time:

May 7, 2021

11:04 am

Attendees:

Charlie Neiss (chair)
Wendy Robinson
Bill Hance
Kim DiDonato

Agenda

1. Prior meeting minutes
2. Endorsement Planning Board's proposed change to Master Plan
3. Green Fair status
4. Regular meeting dates after June 4th
5. Follow-ups from prior meeting
6. Status on action items

Prior meeting minutes

One typo corrected (meeting end time was PM, not AM) - to be posted on website

Endorsement Planning Board's proposed change to Master Plan

Letter supporting ordinance approved unanimously.

Green Fair Status

Charlie attended the Warren Green Team meeting on Tuesday, May 4th. The green fair is moving forward as a drop-off/virtual event that will qualify for Greening Your Green Fair points. A common website was discussed.

Regular Meeting Dates After June 4th

3rd Monday - time TBD

Follow-ups from prior meeting

- Charlie reviewed letter written by Environmental Commission and drafted a similar letter for the Green Team to submit (see agenda item # 2)
- Charlie to contact Peggy E and Rachel regarding action item status
 - Peggy's items transitioned to Kim
 - Rachel's items will be transitioned to Joan at a meeting on Monday

Status on Action Items

- Additional "low-hanging fruit" items have been identified and added to the list for 2021, for a target of 195 points.
 - Green Your Green Fair
 - Digitizing Public Information
 - Green Building Policy/Resolution
 - Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program

Action (must be in 6 of 18 categories)	Status
Create Green Team (MANDATORY)	Complete
Community Education & Outreach	In Progress
Hold a Green Fair	In Progress
"Green" Your Green Fair	In Progress
Extreme Temperature Event Plan	In Progress
Emergency Communications Planning	In Progress
Vulnerable Populations Identification for Emergencies	In Progress
Energy Tracking & Management (PRIORITY)	In Progress
Farmers Markets	In Progress
Green Building Policy/Resolution	In Progress
Green Building Education	In Progress
Anti-Idling Education & Enforcement Program	In Progress
Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Public Places	In Progress
Environmental Commission	In Progress
Tree Protection Ordinance	In progress
Adopt a Green Purchasing Policy by Resolution	In Progress
Recycled Paper	In Progress
Municipal Communications Strategy	In progress
Digitizing Public Information	Complete
Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal (PRIORITY)	Compete

Community Paper Shredding Day	In Progress
Non-Mandated Materials Recycling	In Progress
Grass - Cut It and Leave It Program	In Progress

Many of the In Progress items are close to completion. Only the Farmers' Market is at risk. While there are a large number of vendors who have expressed an interest, there is not yet sufficient commitment.

Points required for Bronze: 150
Target for June submission: 210
Ready for submission: 30
At risk: 10

Follow up actions:

- Charlie to work with Kim on technical issues

Meeting End time:

11:58 am