

Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Video Conference  
November 18, 2020

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Katie Fratoni, Peter Millman, Matt Lisy, Al Fratoni, Sena Wazer (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by chairperson Stoddard.

On a motion by Millman/Stoddard, the minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting were approved. Both Fratoni abstained.

Members discussed what should be included in a climate emergency resolution. Key elements – keep whereas section science-based, short and incorporate social justice considerations. Endorse again the work of the climate action task force and the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan. Select a few of the high priority items from the task force report. Advocate that Mansfield Schools include climate change education in curriculum. Encourage leadership by the State. Walton and Stoddard will create a draft resolution for the Committee to review at its next meeting.

Over the past year or more there have been a few resident inquiries about serving on the Sustainability Committee, yet there have been no member vacancies. Stoddard sent a request to the Town Clerk to change the Sustainability Committee member composition to include an alternate position. This could ensure a quorum at most meetings and broaden participation. Members liked the idea and suggested having three alternate positions. Walton will discuss with the Town Clerk.

The Mansfield-Windham Solar For All campaign has concluded, and the Windham Sustainability Committee has asked if Mansfield would like to collaborate on another project. (The Solar For All campaign resulted in 36 new solar contracts.) Members expressed interest in another collaboration and asked Walton to invite Windham committee members to the next Sustainability Committee meeting for further discussion. Possible collaborations – pollinator pathways and school solar carports.

The Sustainability Committee has been invited to attend the School Building Committee meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm. To discuss at the meeting- school building deconstruction, verification of net zero energy and on-site composting. Stoddard and Walton offered to attend. The School Building Committee chairperson asked for a list of questions prior to the meeting.

Walton reported that Town Council's review of the SolarMAP agreement has been moved to their December 14, 2020 meeting. Town Council will review the agreement with its final pricing, which should be lower than Green Bank's estimated price, and will be asked to give the Town Manager permission to sign the agreement by December 15, 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton