


MEETING AGENDA
Sustainable Sharon Coalition General meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Zoom Remote Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>

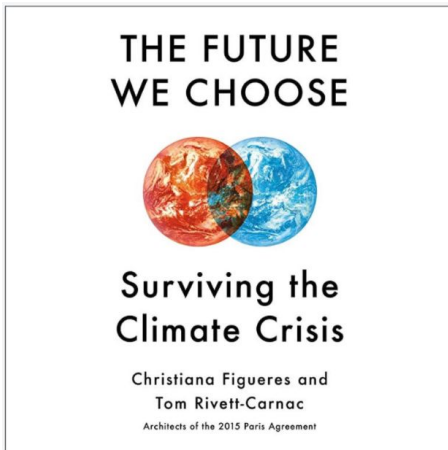
Agendas for SSC meetings: <https://sustainablesharon.org/meeting-agendas>

Minutes for SSC meetings: <https://sustainablesharon.org/meeting-minutes>

Time-sensitive announcements: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/sustainablesharoncoalition>

- 7:00 1. Welcome to our November SSC meeting! (Cheryl Schnitzer)
- Vision statement: We inspire, educate, connect, and catalyze our community to protect the planet. 
 - Test raising and lowering hands. Shut off microphones. Avoid commenting in chat area.
 - The Minutes for the October SSC meeting were approved and passed by email vote.
 - FYI, “A tie vote is not considered a majority vote.” SSC bylaws
 - Board of Directors: Thanks for the bios and thanks to Debbie for posting them! (Submit photo or biography if you haven’t already.)
 - In case you missed it, the three year moratorium on artificial turf passed at Town Meeting! (Thanks, again, Debbie!)
 - The SSC co-sponsored webinar with Temple Sinai Social Justice Committee was wonderful! “Shining a Spotlight on Environmental Justice: How Climate Change, Public Health, and Racism Intersect,” <https://www.facebook.com/SustainableSharon>
 - Does anyone want to be a liaison to MCAN (Massachusetts Climate Action Network) and sign up SSC as an MCAN chapter? <https://www.massclimateaction.org/>
 - 'Induction Cooking with Beth Rodio' Zoom (Bri McAlevey)
 - Need new SSC Webmaster (again)! (Cheryl Schnitzer)
 - UCS opportunity (Unitarian Church of Sharon) (Bri McAlevey)
 - SSC e-newsletter, sign-up at https://mailchi.mp/ff3553634398/subscription_to_newsletter (Thanks, Molli!)
 - New SSC YouTube Channel: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCti8GIR-GuPMwy966PYwwhA> (Thanks, Ellen!)
- 7:20 2. Treasurer’s report (David Slater)
- 7:25 3. Recap about renewable energy in town:
<https://www.townofsharon.net/energy-advisory-committee>, Town of Sharon Energy Manager report (David Ruggiero)
- 7:30 4. Presentation by Sunrise Blue Hills: Sunrise Blue Hills is a local youth-led organization that is part of a national movement, the Sunrise Movement. We primarily work to combat governmental inaction towards the environment and climate change through all forms of public advocacy. Overall, the central mission of our team is to create long lasting grassroots power of change to protect our generation and future generations.
- 7:50 5. Notes to committee chairs (Cheryl Schnitzer)

- Great work on SSC Strategic Plans for 20 - 21, <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EVWUBEdEM6YShihIGETzCYK938pfgUtUIhiNhb5irjA/edit?usp=sharing>! (Still a couple of committees that still need to fill it in.) Please keep an eye on goals for the year as you have your committee meetings.
- Please keep your website page updated and local (delete content, less is more).
- Reminder from the 7/29 Board Meeting minutes about using SSC's name...
An SSC board member may sign a petition/letter on SSC's behalf or post publicly using SSC's name by following this procedure:
 - At least two SSC board members agree to sign and report to the full board via email; this action is then recorded and included in the next month's SSC meeting minutes.
 - If time allows, follow best practice of emailing the SSC board prior to using SSC's name and say something descriptive and brief like, "Unless I hear otherwise within 24 hours, I will sign as SSC the following..."
 - If in doubt, post as an individual and don't mention SSC.



8:00 PM 6. Float idea: Book club-ish: *One town, one planet* (Cheryl Schnitzer)

- Insights about assigned reading: post in Facebook group and have drawings again with prizes (e.g. trash grabbers); five minutes at each meeting to share something that inspired us about the assigned reading
 - One suggested first book: *The Future We Choose, Surviving the Climate Crisis*. Perfect for "rethink" SSC theme and recently released. Quotes from TED talk (TED Radio Hour) by Christiana Figueres: "Optimism is a choice...we're not victims of the past—we are creators and co-creators of the future...we are contributing to the solution!"

8:10 PM 7. Project/Committee updates

- Reusable shopping bags (Molli and Ricky): Remind people they can use reusable shopping bags at stores and mesh or compostable produce bags (maybe Shaws can sell?) (Marlene and Molli will help with promoting mesh bags; Ricky is working on reusable bag displays)
- Litter clean-ups (Rory, Lauren/Tommy, Molli)
 - Resident-network that performs litter pickup, storm drain cleaning (directions below), and sidewalk clearing.
 - Encourage weekly cleanup and have Lake Massapoag focus of the spring
 - Sponsor-a-street initiative...add form to SSC website?
 - SSC purchases trash grabbers for loaning out: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07T3HTBD9?ref=ppx_pop_mob_ap_share (\$8.95/each; **BOARD VOTE** to order 16 trash grabbers for \$143.20)

- Stuart - New England wildflower society website shows how people can use their yards for sustainability; maybe Sharon Garden Club can get involved; Helen interested in garden biodiversity and reducing household pesticide use.
- Any committee updates?

8:25 8. Any new business?

Next SSC monthly meeting: Wed. Dec. 2nd, 7:00 PM (Cheryl Schnitzer)

8:30 9. Adjourn (Cheryl Schnitzer)

APPENDIX: STORM DRAIN CLEANING (Post on Town and SSC website with Sponsor-a-Street form?)



1. Find the nearest storm drains to your home and sign up for it (preferably coinciding with your street for SSC Sponsor-a-Street). Wear clothing that allows motorists to see you clearly. Use work gloves or disposable latex gloves for protection of your hands. Take a person with you if there is lots of traffic. Bring along a wheeled bin, rake and dustpan for removal of debris from the storm drain.

2. Is the storm drain covered with sticks, sand, leaves, pine needles, other debris like pet waste in disposable baggies? Rake the items off the drain, scoop them up with the dustpan and place them in your bin. Rake

clean any debris along the curb up to 6-feet on either side of the drain. Rake clean the sidewalk adjacent to the drain up to 6-feet in both directions.

3. Can storm water now pass freely into the storm drain through the grates (openings)? Look into the drain to see if there is water in the bottom.

4. Optional Task: Using a long straight stick, insert it into the drain and measure if there is water in the bottom. Remove the stick and measure the distance between the top of the stick and the beginning of the water mark on the other end of the stick. Record your measurement in inches or centimeters. Email your report to the DPW (Department of Public Works).