


MEETING AGENDA
Sustainable Sharon Coalition BOARD meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Zoom Remote Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>

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

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

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

- 7:00 1. Welcome to our SSC board meeting (Cheryl Schnitzer)
- Vision statement: We inspire, educate, connect, and catalyze our community to protect the planet. 
 - Do we want board meeting agendas and minutes on the website under the “MNG” button?
- 7:05 2. Welcome to the 2020-2021 year!
- How’s it going so far? How do you prefer to operate? Do you mind “reply all” with long threads? Or, should emails be BCC’d so it’s impossible to “reply all”? Google doc responses? Meetings? Votes by email?
 - Larger organizations, beyond SSC, petitions/letters: As long as the SSC committee (e.g. Energy/Climate or Zero Waste) agrees, they may sign them, on SSC’s behalf. OK?
 - The “MNG” button...try a “test” now and please submit your bios later, <https://sustainablesharon.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>.
 - Note to Committee Chairs, from Sandra Wildland, Head of SSC strategic planning: Let’s review this strategic planning document (link below) to start completing the outcomes column (due July 15th):
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QIYK53HTF5JjvMk0C1opyn_ts79mnb66Ur7z_zP5Omg/edit#gid=1216863794
And, start working on the current fiscal year strategic plan (due by September 15th):
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EVWUBEdEM6YShihIGETzCYK938pfgUtUIhiNhb5irjA/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Main focus of the year? Word of the year? (Vote on it at the meeting next week.)
- 7:20 3. Environmental justice
- Aimee Gindin, Chair of the Temple Sinai Social Justice Committee, asked if SSC would want to co-sponsor a webinar about climate change, public health, and racism. Co-sponsor? If yes, who would like to work on this?
 - Asma, do you want this to be part of the SSC Communities, Interfaith and Multicultural Committee? Do you want to invite other houses of worship—invite a liaison to your committee meetings (and the SSC monthly meeting)? How about the Sharon Racial Equity Alliance?
- 7:30 4. Using SSC to make things happen (co-branding with SSC) (Cheryl Schnitzer)
- Black Earth Compost: We promoted sign-ups through our website and FB group, <https://sustainablesharon.org/composting/>

- Homeworks Energy, <https://sustainablesharon.org/home-energy-assessments/>.
Abby Kessler: I wanted to let you know that Mass Save has again extended the 100% off approved insulation incentive until the end of September. Good news! I was wondering if Sustainable Sharon might be interested in doing a co branded direct mail piece or postcard that'd be sent out to residents. We can discuss in more detail if you're interested. (VOTE on draft idea for direct mailing, either as letter or postcard, see way below.)
- Relay Power, <https://sustainablesharon.org/community-solar/>
- Solar companies, <https://sustainablesharon.org/solar/>

7:45 5. High School Student Summer Interns Pilot Program (Simone Tamkin/Artie Crocker/Liz Thomson)

8:05 6. Activism/legislative work...Share items to MNG for website (after you get the OK from a relevant committee member). It's a busy time because the legislature wraps things up July 31st. This ongoing list should be front and center on our website and then linked (copied) to FB group and the e-newsletter.

8:10 7. Update SSC Bylaws (VOTE for three changes below.) (Cheryl Schnitzer)

Currently: Article 2 Purpose

Sustainable Sharon Coalition, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation which is operated in accordance with the meaning and provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder.

Sustainable Sharon Coalition, Inc. is organized to promote sound use of natural and man-made resources among the citizens of Sharon, Massachusetts. The purposes of Sustainable Sharon Coalition have been set forth in its Articles of Incorporation which are filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(VOTE: change “man-made” to “other?”)

Currently: Article 3 Membership

3.1 Membership Requirements

Individuals or organizations who pay annual membership dues.

3.2 Membership Dues

The membership may be assessed annual dues in amount to be established by the Board of Directors. The President may provide for waivers or substitute requirements for members lacking the resources to meet the dues established.

(Vote: play down and reword this in case the need arises?)

One Suggestion:

3.1 Membership Requirements

Individuals or organizations who attend a minimum of 6 meetings in a 12 month period or otherwise contribute to the work of the organization.

3.2 Membership Dues

At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors may recommend, to the membership, a schedule of membership dues for the coming fiscal year. Approval requires a 2/3 majority vote of the membership.

8:20 8. Any new business? (Cheryl Schnitzer)

8:25 9. Next SSC monthly meeting: Wed. August 5th, 7:00 PM. Guest speaker: David Rugeiro, the new Energy Administrator in town, shared with Norwood

8:30 10. Adjourn (Cheryl Schnitzer)