

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sustainable Sharon Coalition Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 16, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>**

In attendance: Marlene Arnold, Ellen Bordman, Molli Denrich, Michael Littman, Kathi Mirza, Helen Poynton, Cheryl Schnitzer, David Slater, Ricky Stern, Simone Tamkin, Debbie Tatro

1. Cheryl welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes from the January 26th board meeting were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report (Dave): We received a total of \$2605 in income year to date and have \$8,375 in the bank (up to \$1200 of which will be needed to buy trees). We have been bringing in about the same amount of money as we've been spending, which is great.
4. Old Business- Electronic Voting: The following motions/requests were passed by electronic voting since the last meeting:
  - a. 3-6-22 Bottle Bill - Debbie Tatro asked that SSC endorse HB 3289/SB2149 which updates the old Bottle Bill to include (among other things) water bottles and raise the deposit.
  - b. 3-6-22 EPR letter - Kathi Mirza asked the board to sign on to a letter of support for several bills on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).
  - c. 4-26-22 Masspirg whole foods - Debbie Tatro asked for SSC's endorsement of the Masspirg Northeast regional letter to Whole Foods requesting that their North Atlantic stores move away from single-use plastic packaging.
  - d. 5-2-22 Bike Lane - Mike Littman requested that SSC support a comment letter and design plan edits made by the SSC Transportation SIG, for the Town of Sharon's Main Street Bike Lane project.
  - e. 5-2-22 Paint recycling - Debbie Tatro requested SSC sign on to a letter from MassRecycle and Mass Green Network supporting paint recycling in MA.
5. A hot spot is needed for better wifi for Zoom connections during in-person meetings at the Community Center. Dave will look into purchasing one.
6. Cheryl motioned to vote on a nominating committee consisting of Cheryl and Simone, who will be charged with nominating a new slate of officers and directors. Motion passed unanimously. Two executives are planning to step down - Ellen and Marlene. Let Cheryl know if you would like to continue or perhaps step down to make room for other members to join the board.

7. Website redesign - Ken Berman took some professional pictures at the tree planting that we will be able to use on the site. Please provide ongoing feedback to Megan of anything that might be missing or need to be changed.

8. Membership report (Marlene): We need a liaison to help track membership, recruit and thank/contact new members after joining. This could be one person or separated into different people. Molly volunteered to help with thank yous and connecting new members based on their interests. Marlene will update the membership data to track “members in good standing” for voting at the annual meeting.

9. SSC Newsletter report (Molli) - Not much has changed since last report. We need volunteers to take over postings on Facebook and Instagram to help get word out in addition to the eNewsletter.

10. Update on purchasing T-shirts (Ellen) - We need to decide how many t-shirts we want to order through [www.stayvocal.com](http://www.stayvocal.com). Patrice wants to move forward with ordering for SSC Kids. Minimum order is 60 t-shirts. It is a \$35 set up fee and \$11/shirt if printing white image. There will be a showing of Alex’s movie at the Fuller Craft Museum on July 14th, if we want to go as a group. Ellen will email more details so we can decide how best to proceed.

11. Other business - We are planning to give monetary awards to the winners of the High School Sustainability award. It would be \$300 for 1st place, and \$125 for 2 runner ups for a total of \$550. Motion to approve spending \$550 on the awards was passed.

12. Upcoming events:

- a. Bike Ride - May 21st - SSC Kids will be participating. Mike will be there to welcome everyone.
- b. SSC/SREA Book Group - The Intersectional Environmentalist by Leah Thomas, Monday, May 23rd, at 7:00 PM, Community Center, Town Hearing Room
- c. Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 1 7 PM, with voting in new slate and presentation of awards. Nominating committee will email the new slate to board by May 25th for approval prior to the annual meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.