


MEETING AGENDA
Sustainable Sharon Coalition General meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 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 August 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.
- Please purchase new, reusable shopping bags, featuring the artwork of the 2020 SSC Art Contest high school winners,
<https://sustainablesharon.org/student-designed-sustainable-sharon-reusable-bags/>
- Read thank you note from Sebastian Armstrong, winner of the 2020 SSC High School Sustainability Achievement Award
- Acknowledge high school student SSC Energy Interns (thank you, Simone, and the mentors)
- Introduce David Rugeiro, the new Energy Administrator in town, part-time with Norwood

7:25 2. Vote on the SSC Word of the year!

You get three votes...here's how it works...

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rpoq46gRAm3Drw59VPyO4M1uW1-lwpxX8HSIcurpQpl/edit?usp=sharing>

7:35 3. To help a few SSC committees get a jumpstart on strategic planning, we will separate into three different Zoom breakout rooms to reflect on, brainstorm, and fill in Sandra Wildland's strategic planning sheets.

GROUP 1: SSC Energy and Climate Committee (Artie Crocker)

- Artie Crocker
- Paul Lauenstein
- Simone Tamkin
- Rory McGregor

GROUP 2: SSC Zero Waste Committee (Debbie Tatro)

- Debbie Tatro
- Kathi Mirza
- Bri McAlevey
- Molli Denrich
- Ricky Stern

GROUP 3: SSC Communities, Interfaith, and Multicultural Committee (Asma Abdullah)

- Asma Abdullah
- Helen Poynton
- Ellen Bordman
- Nivedi Chandrasekaran
- Marlene Arnold

Activity #1 (10 minutes): Look through your 2019-2020 strategic plan (link below) or your committee application (see end of this document). What activities and plans are inspiring, connecting, and catalyzing? What would you like to keep this year? Does something need to be tweaked this year for social distancing? Anything else that you'd like to reflect on from last year? Be ready to share your response with the larger group.

Strategic plan from previous fiscal year...

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QIYK53HTF5JvMk0C1opyn_ts79mnbd66Ur7z zP5Omg/edit#gid=1216863794

Activity #2 (25 minutes): Roughly fill out your 2020-2021 strategic plan (link below). How does it fit into the word of the year? What/when will be your first activity of the year? Be ready to share your response with the larger group.

Strategic plan for the current fiscal year (due by September 15th)...

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EVWUBEdEM6YShihIGETzCYK938pfgUtUIhiNhb5irjA/edit?usp=sharing>

8:20 4. Any new business? (Cheryl Schnitzer)

8:25 5. Next SSC monthly meeting: Wed. Sept. 2nd, 7:00 PM. Guest speaker: Kirstie Pecci, director of the Zero Waste Project and a Senior Fellow at Conservation Law Foundation

8:30 6. Adjourn (Cheryl Schnitzer)

SSC Committee Application: Communities, Interfaith, and Multicultural

1a) New committee you are proposing to SSC:

Communities, Interfaith, and Multicultural

2a) Your First, Last Name and email address:

Stuart Brown, sbrown@gardenlight.org

2b) List names of any other people who would like to be on your committee:

Asma Abdullah, hydari4@hotmail.com

3) Brief description of the need for this committee in Sharon:

- To bring different communities together working toward common sustainable goals in Sharon.
- To help non-profits and community groups in Sharon with conceiving of and implementing sustainability measures for their organization.
- To expand channels of communication, build relationships, and promote sustainability to people who may not be currently connected to the SSC or aware of it.

4) Brief description of how this committee would address the above-mentioned need:

- Create liaisons
- Provide models and ideas for sustainability measures of interest to each community
- Provide ongoing support toward sustainability goals, and encourage mutual support among various communities

5) Are there funds or other resources required to support the proposed actions of this committee?

Time and energy

6) Why do you believe that the SSC would be the right organization to support this committee?

Sustainability is a common goal that all communities can relate to, and the SSC is the natural center for sustainability efforts and experience in Sharon.