RESOLUTION

Approving formation of an Ad Hoc Sustainable Stoughton Community Committee

Whereas, there is a global environmental crisis,

Whereas, the U.S. is only 4.4% of the global population yet contributions significantly more to the environmental degradation of the planet,

Whereas, Stoughton as part of the U.S. has a role to play in helping to mitigate this degradation,

Whereas, to have a maximun impact on this issue will require examining our ecological footprint and social issues,

Whereas, examining our ecological footprint encompasses many areas such as energy use, flora use, land use, transportation to name a few areas,

Whereas, a sustainable community is a just and equitable community, issues like housing, health care, jobs, etc. are part of the holistic approach to sustainability,

Whereas, a sense of place and quality of life are important to individuals,

Whereas, to become a sustainable community will require a new ethic of living on our planet which requires us to consider the long term impact of actions and policies on our community, our region, our country, and the world,

Whereas, the above will require a major undertaking requiring many hours to collect, collate, and connect data and ideas answering questions such as "What are we doing that we need to do more of? ...less of? ...requires improvement? ...requires significant change? then formulate action plans to address the various issues,

Therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton that an Ad Hoc Sustainable Stoughton Community Committee be formed with 2 Common Council members and 7-9 community members appointed by the mayor.