

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, City of Stoughton Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes

Committee members present: Scott Taylor, Katelyn Geleynse, Heath Massey, Ben Heili, Donelle Scaffidi, Sienna Scott, Adrienne Nienow, Rachel Venegas, Mayor Tim Swadley (ex officio)

Non-committee members present: Sharon Lezberg, Tyler Denig

**Call to Order:** 6:03 PM

**Communications:** Rachel will no longer serve on the common council but the mayor will reappoint Rachel as a citizen member of the sustainability committee. The mayor will recruit another council member to take Rachel's place as the committee's council representative.

The mayor states that the council will reallocate funds for our committee for 2023. At this juncture, the committee should decide whether we need funds to hire someone to write sustainability plan drafts.

Mayor reviewed the city's intentions to pursue state & federal funding for solar projects on several city buildings and properties.

Mayor discusses opportunity for our committee to discuss the plan with the common council later this summer.

Sharon points out we need one last opportunity to share our plan with the public, ideally before we bring the final plan to the common council.

Rachel Venegas moves to approve 6/12/23 meeting minutes, Adrienne Nienow seconds.

**Focus Group Report Discussion:**

Sharon reviews report and ends with exhortation to committee to encourage public to play leadership role in sustainability initiatives. Noted that most suggested actions made by individuals and businesses during our public input process were outside of the purview of the city. She pointed out the Innovation Center and Sustainable Stoughton are well positioned to lead citizen initiatives. Sharon also mentioned incorporating diversity, equity & inclusion into our sustainability plan in a more robust way.

**Discussion of Land Use & Transportation sections of plan:**

Many committee members are preoccupied with clearly communicating to staff our intent with the plan drafts. We want staff feedback and input on the drafts without overwhelming or agitating staff.

We decide we will meet to discuss plan drafts one more time before submitting them to staff. Donelle will follow up with email to committee concerning next steps in the planning process.

7:33 PM Rachel Venegas moves to adjourn, Ben Heili seconds.