



Sustainable Arlington an Envision Arlington environment committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, December 17th, 2019

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Town Hall Annex, 1st Floor Conference Room,

In Attendance: Amos Meeks, Beth Melofchik, Brucie Moulton, Tom Ehbrecht, Roger Rosen

1. Introductions
2. Approve minutes
 - a. Unanimously approved.
3. Update from Planning Dept.
 - a. No update from Kelly.
4. New Arlington CCA Rates, next steps for opt-up campaign
 - a. MOF has a small group on opt-up campaign ideas, looking for more people to work on that. Winchester Heat Smart team is also interested in brainstorming around it.
5. Brookline's Gas Ban bylaw, can we do the same in Arlington?
 - a. Recent MCAN call with Brookline TMM, would be happy to come give a talk about what she did. Possibly also in partnership with Concord, who is also interested. They also put up a webinar and slides that are accessible online (ADD LINK HERE). We should post these and spread the word.
 - b. In the past several years Brookline created a "Green Caucus" for their Town Meeting Members. They thought this was a helpful factor.
 - c. Another thing they did was reached out to every person who had pulled a permit for the past several years and talked to them to get them on board.
 - d. There is a 90 day periods for the AG to determine if their ban is legal, but maybe she actually has until August 30th?
 - e. MOF has a goal of 2020 to work on the gas ban.
 - f. Maybe convene a meeting in the beginning of January, see how many people show up, and if there are enough committed people then work Jan to April to educate TMMs and create consensus.
 - g. We will try to have a kickoff meeting the afternoon of Sunday Jan 5th.
6. Official Arts Arlington Partnership
 - a. We would like to officially partner with Arts Arlington and Michelle Lougee's workshops, which would mean helping to get the word out, how to use it as a platform to engage people, committing to come to a portion of workshops, etc.
 - b. They need plastic bags, we should help get the word out.

- c. Unanimously approve the partnership.
- 7. Michelle Lougee Reception and future workshops
- 8. EcoFest discussion, Resilience questions, March True Story Theater Performance
- 9. New business
 - a. Looking at energy efficiency of subsidized housing might be a good place to start looking for greening the town, and could probably use CBDGs. If the clean energy future committee considering looking into this?
 - b. Julie Brazile, the chair of the Envision Arlington standing committee, is stepping down next year in order to run for Town Clerk. If we don't find a new chair for a cohesive standing committee then we don't get many benefits like meeting space, being on the town website, ecofest, etc.
- 10. Announcements
 - a. Save the Date: EcoFest 2020 Sat. March 21st. Theme: Climate Resiliency
 - b. Mass NOFA Winter Conference, in Early Jan in Worcester.
 - c. First 3 SA meetings in 2020: Jan 22nd, Feb 26th, March 25th
 - d. Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station (FRRACS) has made a documentary about their movement to stop Enbridge ([here is the trailer](#)). We want to screen the documentary far and wide across the state. [Sign up here if you're interested in hosting a screening.](#)
- 11. Adjourn