



**Sustainable Arlington  
An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington**

**Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Registration required; link:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpdOGgqDsqGNHn9V3J1jw-iDafAQzFriPQ>

In attendance: Amos Meeks, Brucie Moulton, Steve Revilak, Tom Ehbrecht, Sue Doctrow, Carl Wagner, Gina Sonder, Gail McCormick, Dave Wilson, Irina Sidorenko, Sarah Hill, Scott Samenfeld, Peggy MacLeod, Lenard Diggins, Mary Gilbert, Sarah Wang, Ed Koenig

1. Introductions
2. Peggy MacLeod speaks about supporting local pollinators
  - a. Peggy's Bio: In 2017 Peggy retired from the Center for Eco Technology in Northampton where she was an advocate for green building and clean energy. She now co-directs an all-volunteer non-profit organization, Western Mass Pollinator Networks, which collaborates with individuals, towns, and other organizations to plan and build sustainable habitat for pollinators.
3. Update about local multi-town pollinator pathways project
  - a. Next meeting tomorrow night
4. Update from Planning Dept.
5. Approve June and July minutes
  - a. Minutes available here:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13Xdt6yXPoqkd4KkOq4JGUHoKzdg7ZNI?usp=sharing>
  - b. Unanimously approved
6. Vote on Town Black Lives Matter Resolution:  
<https://arlington.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=9111&MeetingID=1056>
  - a. Unanimously endorsed
7. Sustainable Arlington Survey Report (Envision Arlington 2020 survey)  
Discussion
  - a. Link to report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rthdzLycf2yNnn-NgFRWVo1J2AfVleXX/view?usp=sharing>
8. Brief Clean Heat for Arlington Update

- a. DPU has a docket #20-80 for comments about getting off of natural gas. Search for 20-80 here to see comments and submit your own: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>

#### 9. New business

- a. Envision Arlington Statement: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10451/3837>
- b. There is a climate action this coming Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Arlington center at the Uncle Same statue. It's a shoe strike, with shoes instead of crowds of people. Goal to encourage Arlington and other cities and Towns to declare a climate emergency. You can drop shoes off at the event (and pick them up after), or drop them off with Gina beforehand. This is part of a global action inspired by Greta Thunberg and supported by Extinction Rebellion Boston. Rain date the following Saturday at 10am!

#### 10. Announcements

- a. Participate in citizen science to support pollinators. Check out [The Beecology Project](#)
- b. First MCAN Newsletter: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Acsj175KggPTpIP6SJQkOaUEEeqIAdrc/view>
- c. "How Gas Leaks Affect Our Trees: The science, the signs, and what we can do" 5-28-2020 Webinar. Expert panel moderated by Arlington Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine. Webinar recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2xOvwX4Qyc&feature=youtu.be>  
For additional resources on gas leaks and trees from the Multitown Gas Leaks Initiative which includes Arlington, see: <https://wellesleyma.gov/1522/Gas-Leaks-And-Trees>.
- d. Find webinars, other online events at <http://www.sustainablearlington.org/>
- e. Shoe Strike Saturday in the center – Delayed a week due to rain

#### 11. Adjourn