



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

**Date:** Thursday, August 19, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting by Zoom

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If you have not used Zoom before, please join the meeting 5 to 10 minutes early. At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Review “ground rules” for online meetings
5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public

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1. Introductions
2. Native American Land [acknowledgement](#)
3. Update from Planning Dept.
4. July 21 minutes. Read here: [Link](#)
5. [IPCC](#) releases new report: [AR6 Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis](#). Summary: [Climate change widespread, rapid, and intensifying](#)
6. Sustainable Arlington focus area report backs. (Working groups are open to all. New members welcome.)

- a. Arlington's Net Zero Action Plan – collaborate with the Net Zero Action Plan Implementation Working Group.
    - i. [Select Board Endorses Net Zero Action Plan](#), August 9. The plan is a roadmap to net zero greenhouse gas pollution by 2050.
    - ii. Two classes in Arlington Community Education [fall catalog](#), p. 3,
      1. **Net Zero: Arlington's Effort to Eliminate Greenhouse Gas Emissions**, Wed., Oct. 27, 7-8:30 pm
      2. **Local Efforts Towards Zero Carbon Homes**, Wed., Nov. 3, 7-9 pm
    - iii. Brief summary: 8/3 Sustainable Arlington Net Zero topic group
    - iv. Electrify Arlington campaign
    - v. [Net Zero Building Code](#) (aka Net Zero Stretch Code)
  - b. Local ecosystem(s) support in Arlington
    - i. Water quality
    - ii. Soil health
    - iii. Native plant and wildlife systems
  - c. Environmental Justice
    - i. How does environmental justice apply in Arlington, in nearby communities, and across Massachusetts? What does it mean to be an ally?
7. New business
  8. Announcements
  9. Adjourn

**Next meeting** (online): Thursday, September 30, 2021, 7:30-9 pm, special guest speaker on hydrogen pros and cons.

Resources:

- Native land Acknowledgement maps at: <https://native-land.ca/>
- Highly recommended: “[The Secret Lives of Wild Bees](#)” - a recent talk by Nick Dorian of the Tufts Pollinator Initiative for the Massachusetts Pollinator Network.

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