



Sustainable Arlington An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Wednesday November 17, 2021
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom
Registration: https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApf-qtrzktE9X9lcQgFXytrM-P1qr1_Ph1

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Agenda for Wednesday, November 17, 2021

1. Introductions
2. Native American Land acknowledgement: <https://native-land.ca/>
3. Planning Department Updates
4. Alewife Brook Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). Town meeting member Kristin Anderson and Conservation Commission Commissioner David White will explain how and when pollution events happen and how climate change-induced heavier rainfall is increasing the problem. [Read more on CSOs.](#)
https://www.mwra.com/harbor/html/cso_reporting.htm
 - a. Item for discussion: Would Sustainable Arlington collaborate with them to write a letter to Rep. Sean Garballey?
5. Sustainable Arlington working group updates:
 - a. [Arlington's Net Zero Action Plan](#) implementation: Electrify Arlington Campaign
 - b. Report back on recent Arlington Community Education panels
 - i. Oct. 27, [NetZero: Arlington's Effort to Eliminate Greenhouse Gas Emissions](#)
 - ii. Nov. 3, [Local Efforts Towards Zero Carbon Homes](#)
 - c. Home rule petition progress; [background](#)
 - d. Pesticide updates, including rodenticide
6. Approval of minutes for [August](#) and [October](#)
7. Announcements
 - a. Supporting a strong municipal, opt-in Net Zero Stretch Energy Code in Massachusetts; the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs will be releasing a draft soon, date still unknown, to be followed by public hearings and comment period.
8. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wed., Dec 15, 2021, 7:30-9 pm

New resources:

- **"What is a Building Code?" Quick read, good coverage including:** connection between building codes and climate change, stretch energy codes, and where to learn more. [<https://www.mothersoutfront.org/news/chca-ma-building-code/>]
- Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-energy-and-environmental-affairs>. See [Advanced Building Energy Codes](#)
- EEA: Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-clean-energy-and-climate-plan-for-2025-and-2030> Public feedback is accepted at gwsa@mass.gov.
- EarthLabs, <https://serc.carleton.edu/eslabs/index.html> "...a national model for rigorous, engaging Earth and environmental lab science courses. These units illustrate a sequence for learning science concepts through data analysis activities, satellite imagery and computer visualizations, and hands-on experiments that illustrate processes of our Earth system."
- The hydrogen hoax, Gas Leaks Allies. Recording: https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/rec/share/ddcaVc85aN32BDwWx6YIZbHdZZ5P4kKThlweaog5qX3DOxh3gd9WX1_5nlkYnvjo.OosmbRDAS8jFPc_S

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