



Sustainable Arlington

An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Please register in advance to get the zoom link:

https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrceysrzMqHdPadyriJCT8wx8qDTP5I3_H

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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. 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. Updates:
 - a. Planning Department
 - b. Massachusetts Climate Action Network

4. Artificial turf moratorium, Arlington Town Meeting Warrant Article 12, Beth Melofchik. (See resources below)
5. Request from [Arlington Free Shelves Project](#) to affiliate with Sustainable Arlington so that they can give community service credits to Arlington High School students.
6. Rat poison in Arlington - second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides (SGARs), death of nesting eagle
7. "Open mic" – share concerns and observations about local environmental and climate issues and solutions
8. Announcements:
 - a. [Hydrogen versus Electricity for Heating Buildings: Green Newton Series](#) (Virtual). Thurs., March 16, 7-9 p.m. Cosponsored by Green Newton, Mothers Out Front Newton and 350Mass Newton Node
 - b. Third Act's [Dis-credit Bad Banks Day of Action](#), Tues., March 21, various locations, times, Lexington, Bedford, Newton, Boston
 - c. March 20 Select Board hearing on Article 10, [Specialized Stretch Energy Code](#)
 - d. Biodiversity for a Livable Climate presents [Redesigning Our Communities for Life After Fossil Fuels](#) (Virtual) March 25, sliding fee, students \$5.
 - e. [Impact of Green Hydrogen Production on the Availability of Clean Electricity for the Grid](#), Gas Transition Allies white paper, by Martyn Roetter, D.Phil (Physics) and Gordon Richardson February 2023.
9. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wed., April 19, 2023

Registration link for April meeting:

https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkcemtrDIjHdP0A2_4I20bixqqPUOw55if

The agenda will be posted on [our website](#) and on the [Town calendar](#).

Sustainable Arlington:
SustainableArlington.org and [Facebook](#)

Artificial turf resources:

- [Statement by Administrator Regan on the President's FY 2024 Budget | US EPA](#) "Tackling Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Pollution. The Budget provides approximately \$170 million to combat PFAS pollution. PFAS substances are a group of chemicals that threaten the health and safety of all communities. This request allows the EPA to continue working toward commitments made under EPA's 2021 PFAS Strategic Roadmap, including: increasing our knowledge of PFAS impacts to human health and ecological effects, restricting use to prevent PFAS from entering the air, land, and water, and remediating PFAS that have been released into the environment."
- [Artificial turf potentially linked to cancer deaths of six Phillies ball players](#) – report | Cancer | The Guardian, 3.10.2023
- [Artificial Turf Fact Sheet, Toxics Use Reduction Institute](#), UMass Lowell,
- [Toxic chemicals are found in blades of artificial turf](#), By [David Abel](#) Globe Staff, October 9, 2019