



Sustainable Arlington

An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Advance registration is required. Register here:

<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/35634/69>

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

Notice to the Public on meeting privacy To prevent abuse, all participants in the meeting must register first. Please allow additional time to join the meeting. If you don't want to provide your name, you may do so by telephone. See the dial-in information provided above.

Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public.

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1. Introductions (5 min.)
2. Native American Land Acknowledgment (1 min.)

Land Acknowledgement – Sustainable Arlington:

Whereas Sustainable Arlington acts to protect and enhance the environment in Arlington, formerly known as Menotomy, an Algonquian word meaning “swift waters”, we hereby acknowledge that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral members of the Massachusetts Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusetts territories today.

3. Town Updates from Department of Planning and Community Development:
Environmental Planner David Morgan and Sustainability Manager Talia Fox
4. Community Updates

5. Sponsorship of Sustainable Middlesex Carbon Countdown, publicity

Sustainable Middlesex will present its annual Climate Countdown on December 7 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Secretary of EEA Rebecca Tepper will provide a keynote, followed by a series of eight lightning "lightning rounds" discussing local initiatives that other communities may want to consider. One of the lightning rounds will be given by Lori Kenschaft, highlighting our own experience with facilitating retrofits.

Pat and Brucie are both on the steering committee for Sustainable Middlesex and will seek the meeting's approval to act as a co-sponsor.

6. Climate Legislation update: Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers.

What have we achieved with this year's bill (which is expected to receive House approval on 11/14), and what will we do to maintain the Commonwealth's leadership in the next session of the General Court? Arlington's outstanding representatives in the House, Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers, have graciously agreed to lead us through these questions.

7. Adjourn