

Strategic Sustainability and Livability Committee of Great Barrington

Minutes of __11/3/21

Location: Zoom

Start: 5:38PM

End: 7:08

Name		Name	
John Morrell	X	Natalie Narotzky	X
Aretha Whitehead	O	Jovanina Pagano	X
		Mark Phillips	X

X = present O = absent

Note taker: Mark Phillips

ISSUE	DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP NEXT DEADLINE

Approve Minutes from March	No discussion of minutes. Minutes are approved.	No follow up
MVP Update	<p>Year 1 with Multicultural Bridge finished in may 2021. Key takeaways related to food access/justice, open space, trust in government. We have additional funding for year two for a smaller grant. Two follow up activities: 1: a celebration of folks involved in year 1 with review and honoring of folks work. 2: Presentation to select board on idea to create signage at parks in spanish; Jovanina and Chris Remhbold working on this.</p> <p>Year 2: Continued engagement with community members of marginalized populations to determine further what is needed around food and food access in Great Barrington. Year 2 funding runs through June 2022. More details pending.</p>	
Compost	<p>Mark will follow up with Aretha to discuss next steps on composting. How to get compost totes at the town of great barrington? Town would have to set up a bidding process. How do we trigger a bidding process? We have money for a sign at the transfer station. How can we move forward on using this budget? Is it possible to use this funding to procure compost buckets for citizens to use? Jovanina: We need to put on somebody's radar: We've reconvened as a committee, this is what we've agreed to, how can we move forward?</p>	
GB SSL General Update	<p>Natalie: What are we interested in working on in the committee moving forward? Peter Stanton: Can we get goats in the cemeteries? Mark: Is there a role for the town to play in pollinator habitat at the town level? Jovanina: Does Greenagers have any role to play in pollinator habitat?</p>	
Citizen Speak:	<p>Peter Stanton, Stanton Home Compost Update: Stanton home is receiving quite a few new drop offs as a result of discussing this. Slideshow from peter Stanton of outcomes of compost program. John Morell: Is there a way to intersect the arts with these issues, to support the building of community</p>	

	cohesion? Mark: Are the existing events in Great Barrington an opportunity to dovetail GB SSL efforts? Jovanina shared an interest to communicate with Mark Pruhenski + Selectboard on GB SLL achievements, interests, and support opportunities.	
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Adjourned at 7:08

Minutes submitted on December 9, 2021 by Jovanina Pagano, Co-Chair