

Strategic Sustainability and Livability Committee of Great Barrington

Minutes of 02/24/2021

Location: Zoom

Start: 5:50 End: 6:47

Name		Name	
		Natalie Narotzky	x
Jesse Carter	X	Jovanina Pagano	X
		Mark Phillips	X
		Aretha Whitehead	x

X = present O = absent

Note taker: Jesse Carter

Guests: Sheridan, Nora, John, Nan, Peter

ISSUE	DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP NEXT DEADLINE
1	APPROVE JANUARY MINUTES	MARK MOTIONED TO APPROVE ARETHA SECONDED

2	<p>ANNUAL REPORT ASKS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES TO WRITE UP ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS</p> <p>MVP PLANNING GRANT AND DATA WALK WORKSHOP, GRANT APPLICATION, COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION, IECC, LED STREET LIGHTING, RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>(CLARIFICATIONS ON PAST ENDEAVORS FOR THOSE WITH QUESTIONS)</p>	SUBMISSION DUE NEXT WEEK
3	<p>DEBRIEF FROM SELECT BOARD MEETING WHERE COMPOST RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PRESENTED. IT IS BEING REVIEWED, AND A COMPLIMENTARY ADJUSTMENT MAY BE ADDED. PRACTICAL MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING</p>	FORMAL REVIEW AT NEXT BOARD MEETING, MARCH 8
4	<p>MVP UPDATE ON FOCUS GROUPS. 7/10 WEEKS IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE WORKSHOP. INTENTION TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY INTO FOCUS GROUPS AFTER TRAINING IS COMPLETE. START CONVERSATIONS WITH PARTICIPANTS ABOUT ACTIONS THE TOWN CAN TAKE. GROUPS WILL BE COMPRISED OF MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS, WITH THE INTENTION OF THE GROUP MEMBERS BECOMING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FORWARD MOMENTUM. ENGAGING WITH CITIZENRY, AND FROM THERE, BRIDGE WILL MEET COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE AT, THROUGH MULTICULTURAL DINNERS AND PRESENTATIONS</p>	THREE REMAINING WEEKS OF TRAINING.
5	<p>INTENTIONS AS A COMMITTEE TO WORK ON AFFORDABILITY AND LIVABILITY BASED IN PART ON TALKS WITH BRIDGE, AND ‘RED-LINING’ COMMUNITIES AND HOW TO INCORPORATE MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MISSION. ASSESSMENT EFFORT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION STEPS FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL DELIBERATIONS.</p>	

6	FORMALIZE MINUTE TAKING PROCEDURES SO THAT ADMINISTRATIVE WORK IS SPLIT EVENLY AMONG MEMBERS	ADD TO UPCOMING MINUTES
7	RECRUITMENT! WE HAVE VACANCIES ON THE SSL COMMITTEE. NAN AND SHERIDAN STEPPING FORWARD WITH INTEREST TO JOIN. FARM CLUB ON SIMONS ROCK, POTENTIAL INTEREST. JOHN INTERESTED IN TIME COMMITMENT. ASKING FOR 12 MONTH COMMITMENT, APPROX 2 HR/MONTH	FOLLOW UP WITH NAN, SHERIDAN, NORA, JOHN. EMAILS IN CHAT
8	UPCOMING MTG DATES. THIRD THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH. WED 03/17 & WED 04/21	
9	CITIZEN SPEAK. JOVANINA WOULD LIKE GUESTS TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES WITH PRONOUNS AT THE START OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS.	
10	ARETHA WRITING A PROPOSAL FOR SCHOOL AND FOOD JUSTICE, LOOKING FOR INPUT AS SUMMER GETS CLOSER. TOWN RECEIVED 'FOOD SYSTEM PLAN' WITH JUSTICE COMPONENT(JOVANINA) DINING HALL AT SIMONS ROCK USES PLASTIC WASTE, BAGS, ETC..(NORA) LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS.	EXPLORING GRANT FOR FUNDING AVAILABLE
11	FOOD SYSTEM PLAN MEETING FRIDAY AT 4.	ARETHA WILL ATTEND IF POSSIBLE

12	2 ND PHASE OF MVP STARTS IN SUMMER, LOOKING AT FOOD JUSTICE.	
13	HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO GUESTS FROM NATALIE. UPDATES AT NEXT MEETING ON MVP, AG MEETING, ETC.	

Minutes Submitted by Jovanina Pagano on 3/19/2021