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### Dept of Sustainability and Resilience

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To implement the ambitious and urgent goals of the Green Worcester Sustainability and Resilience Strategic Plan (GWP), a roadmap for making Worcester the greenest mid-size city in the country.

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# CITY OF WORCESTER

## Meeting Minutes

### Green Worcester Advisory Committee

Monday, January 6, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Esther Howland Room, City Hall, 455 Main St.

*This meeting will be held in-person with an option to also join remotely (see the bottom of the agenda for details).*

### Call to Order

#### **1. Welcome and Meeting Rules**

#### **2. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2024 (Attachment A)**

#### **3. New Business**

- Zoning for New Gas Stations: Preparation for Potential Future Agenda Item Consideration (10 min)

#### **4. Continued Business**

- Landscaping and Green Infrastructure Ordinances (10 min)

#### **5. Public Participation/Community Engagement**

#### **6. Standing Item - GWAC Task Force Updates (10 min)**

- A. Decarbonization benchmarks and goals (Chair Knittle, Members Conna and Leovich).  
B. Sustainability in Worcester Public Schools (Vice Chair Herwitz, Members Austin and Murphy).

#### **7. DSR Project Updates (10 min)**

##### *Upcoming Annual Report*

##### *Zero Waste*

- Zero Waste Master Plan / Waste Characterization Study – Kicking off
- Public Waste Bins Crowdsourc Map - launched
- Clean Streets Collective pilot
- Central Mass Municipal Recycling Council Recognition Award
- Drop-Off Center Survey – Deadline Extended

##### *Mobility*

- Endicott and Bigelow Streets Re-Design Project (Attachment B)

##### *Resilience*

- Final Report – “Supporting Winter Climate Adaptation in Worcester” ([worcesterma.gov/DSR](http://worcesterma.gov/DSR))
- Tree Plantings and Campaign; Crowdsourc Mapping of potential tree locations

##### *Energy*

- Smart Energy Advice – Project Updates (Attachment C)

*Lakes and Ponds*

- Watershed-Based Plans – Status Update
- State of the Lakes – Save the Date (January 30, 5:45 pm)

**8. Standing Items**

- A. Items to be considered for placements on the next agenda
- B. Upcoming Events (not DSR organized)

**Adjournment**

**Attachments**

*Attachment A: November 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes*

*Attachment B: Endicott and Bigelow Streets Flyer*

*Attachment C: Smart Energy Advice Resident Letter*

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