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Our Mission:

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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Meeting Agenda

Green Worcester Advisory Committee

Monday, February 3, 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 – January 6, 2025 (Attachment A)

3. New Business

- 1) *Presentation* - City of Worcester Drainage & Green Infrastructure Master Plan by Kara Keleher and Doris Jenkins, Weston and Sampson (40 minutes)
- 2) *Update* – Green Worcester Plan Chapter 12 Action 8: Sustainability Performance Outcomes and Council memo re: TIFs (5 minutes)
- 3) Draft Second Green Worcester Plan Annual Report (*Attachment B*)

4. Continued Business

- 1) *Update* – Consideration of strategies adopted by other cities to minimize aquatic chemical use (2 minutes)

5. Public Participation/Community Engagement

6. Standing Item - GWAC Task Force Updates (10 minutes)

- A. Decarbonization benchmarks and goals (Chair Knittle, Members Conna and Leovich).
 - a. *Update/Discussion* - Zoning for New Gas Stations
- B. Sustainability in Worcester Public Schools (Vice Chair Herwitz, Members Austin and Murphy).

7. DSR Project Updates (10 minutes)

Zero Waste

- Zero Waste Master Plan / Waste Characterization Study – Status Update
- Public Waste Bins Crowdsourc Map – Closed 1/31
- Drop-Off Center Survey – Closed 1/31

- Trash and Recycling Guide – Digital version is available (*Attachment C*)
- Clean Streets Collective – Launched and Onboarding Volunteers

Mobility

- Endicott and Bigelow Streets Re-Design Project –FAQs and Meeting Update
- Draft Vision Zero Safety Action Plan – Public Comment Period (*Attachment D*)

Energy

- Smart Energy Advice – Community First Partnership Grant Conditional Award and Weekly Office Hours

Lakes and Ponds

- Watershed-Based Plans – Status Update
- State of the Lakes – Recap
- Reports on Bell Pond, Indian Lake, Coes Reservoir, and Lake Quinsigamond – Publicly Available

8. Standing Items

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

Adjournment

Attachments

Attachment A: January 6 2025, Meeting Minutes

Attachment B: Draft Second Green Worcester Plan Annual report

Attachment C: Trash and Recycling Guide

Attachment D: Draft Vision Zero Safety Action Plan Flyer

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