

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Sustainable Sharon Coalition Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>**

In attendance: Marlene Arnold, Ellen Bordman, Stuart Brown, Megan Burnett, Eve Carey, Molli Denrich, Kathy Farrell, Silas Fyler, Ralph Halpern, Laura Henze Russell, Zobia Imam, Judy Karlin, Bri McAlevey, Rory McGregor, Shawn Moriarty, Charlotte Pototsky, Phil Reilly, Cheryl Schnitzer, Ricky Stern, Maggie Sullivan, Simone Tamkin, Debbie Tatro, Madeline Champagne

1. Welcome: Eve recited the Vision Statement: *we inspire, educate, connect, and catalyze our community to protect the planet.*
2. Presidents Remarks:
  - a. Reminded participants to “Join” to be formal members so we can track everyone.
3. Secretary’s Report (Marlene): November minutes were accepted with no corrections..
4. SSC speaker: Madeline Champagne presented “Raising Monarchs and Monitoring the Frosted Elfin Butterfly, Part I.” If anyone is interested in finding out more about raising butterflies, please contact Madeline.
5. Upcoming Activities -
  - a. Conversations at the Meetinghouse, “Reimagine Our World: Reimagine the recycling bin, the shared roadway, the power grid and our relationship to nature,” Friday, Dec 3, 2021 ~ 7 PM, Zoom Meeting Hosted by the Unitarian Church of Sharon.
  - b. Jan meeting : Ted Philips will be presenting about Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), an important policy tool for managing and reducing consumer waste. We will also be revealing our new logo.
6. SSC Interest Group Reports - The attendees broke into breakout rooms to brainstorm ideas and reported back to the group as follows:
  - a. Energy (Ralph) - Talked about pipeline activity, and getting word out about joining Sharon Power Choice. Eversource winter rates have climbed significantly and would be a good time to remind everyone (via eNewsletter) to sign-up if they haven’t already.
  - b. Zero Waste (Debbie/Eve) - Working on “Skip the Stuff” project: Environmental club will be going around to all the restaurants in Sharon; will be getting window

stickers with new logo; looking into mini grants to help make the switch and bulk buying program. It's helpful to have information about resources going in.

- c. Youth (Charlotte) - Working with Zero Waste on the "Skip the Stuff" initiative and how students can implement effectively. Also looking into a fundraiser for ocean aquatic life organization.
- d. Water (Laura) - Shared 2 new openings for town water committee.
- e. Communications/10th year anniversary (Ellen) - Planning to start 10th anniversary year long celebration with Green Day event, and then having events monthly. Maybe do Green Day by the lake. Ideas percolating for the website makeover.
- f. Food (Alice) - would like to interview someone who is vegan/vegetarian.

#### 7. Liaison Reports

- a. 350 Mass greater Franklin node (Ralph) - legislative will be picking up at the beginning of the year and will share priorities at future meeting.

#### 8. Other business

- a. Received email from a Sharon resident expressing concern about construction at Sharon High School wasting energy with all the lights on 24/7. Is there anything SSC can do about it? This is probably due to security requirements, but Eve will look into it so we can respond.

#### 9. Next Meetings

- SSC Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2021, 7 PM by Zoom. State Representative Ted Philips will be presenting, and the 10th anniversary logo will be revealed!

#### 10. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Marlene Arnold