

## MEETING MINUTES

Sustainable Sharon Coalition General Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 7:00 - 8:30 PM

IN PERSON: Sharon Community Center, Town Hearing Room

If needed: Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>

In attendance: Ellen Bordman, Megan Burnett, Molli Denrich, Danielle Dupré, Kathy Farrell, Mary Fischer, Ralph Halpern, Judy Karlin, Paul Lauenstein, Guoqiang Li, Michael Littman, Rory McGregor, Kathi Mirza, Kellie O'Shea, Ted Philips, Charlotte Pototsky, Helen Poynton, Laura Henze Russell, Cheryl Schnitzer, Xander Shapiro, Dave Slater, Dr. Ricky Stern, Simone Tamkin, Debbie Tatro, Emily Whitney, Alice Zaniewski

1. Welcome: Cheryl recited the Vision Statement: We inspire, educate, connect, and catalyze our community to protect the planet. Please click "[Join Us!](#)" on the website and encourage your family and friends to do so as well. New location and hybrid model!
2. Secretary's Report (Charlotte Pototsky filling in for Marlene Arnold): March minutes were accepted.
3. Water-Lake (Laura and Debbie) Updates and announcement of an event May 7 for identifying bacteria. Additionally, Rory provided an update on water filter efficacy.
4. Speaker: Helen Poynton, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School for the Environment, UMass Boston, Presentation on "Mosquito Control and Recommendations" research
5. SSC Interest Group reports
  - a. Food (Alice) - Working on an online SSC community cookbook which will include plant-based recipes. Also thinking about using YouTube cooking videos and keeping SSC video channel active.
  - d. Youth (Charlotte) - Working on April 23rd tree planting event and fundraising. (Doing Lynn Wolbarst award at the same time, so rain date is April 30) April 22nd is Earth Day, so it's a great time to have the planting! Continuing work with clubs at the high school.
  - e. Awards (Sandra) - Lynn Wolbarst award recognizes someone who is doing good environmentally in the Sharon community. So please consider nominating someone. Nominations being accepted until April 10th, 5pm. High School Senior Sustainability Award is also awaiting applicants!
  - f. SSC Kids - starting up again after winter break.
  - g. Website redesign - Thank you to Megan, Dave, Marlene, and Danielle for all your help!
  - h. Sharon Green Day - May 7, 2023 (please consider helping out!)
  - i. Education (Cheryl)
    - Food Solutions New England (FSNE) [21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge](#), April 4 - 24, 2022. Comment in the SSC Facebook group thread: [#FSNE](#) [#racialequity](#) [#foodsecurity](#) [#environmentaljustice](#)

- SSC/SREA Book Group - The Intersectional Environmentalist by Leah Thomas, Monday, May 23rd, at 7:00 PM, Community Center, Town Hearing Room (Cheryl)
  - Invest for the Planet (Karen) hopes to return this summer
- j. Zero Waste - Eve is back! Hopes for concrete plans coming soon.
6. Liaison reports
- Xander Shapiro, Municipal solar oversight committee
7. Other Business
- “Welcome to SSC” info - for those who are new to our coalition or Sharon as a whole, with information and resources available from SSC.
  - SSC 10th anniversary will be celebrated in May 2023 (as mentioned in interest groups). Discussed ideas about our new logo on the big signs when entering Sharon.
  - Sharon Historical Society, Spring Market, May 1st 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM, 16 High Street; Please reach out if you are interested in staffing the SSC table or giving a 30-minute talk about something that relates to history (such as composting or rain barrels) (Rosemary/Cheryl)
8. State Representative Ted Philips provided updates about current sustainability efforts and current legislation.
9. Other updates and notable information -
- SSC General Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Select Board and School Committee Candidates Present to SSC
  - SSC Board meeting: Monday, May 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
  - Ricky announced an environmental film festival. [Get your tickets](#) before they sell out!
10. Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Charlotte Pototsky