

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

In attendance: Marlene Arnold, Ellen Bordman, Dana Caproni, Eve Carey, Molli Denrich, Ralph Halpern, Paul Lauenstein, Michael Littman, Kathi Mirza, Charlotte Pototsky, Laura Henze Russell, Karen Shapiro, Dave Slater, Simone Tampkin, Debbie Tatro, James Tracy, Emily Whitney, Alice Zaniewski

1. Welcome: Ellen recited the Vision Statement for the group: *we inspire, educate, connect, and catalyze our community to protect the planet.*
2. Secretary's Report (Marlene): July and August minutes were accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report (Dave): Filed out annual financial report with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We have about \$9,000 in the bank.
4. Old Business
 - a. Sharon Day (Ellen/Eve): It's taking the place of Square Jam on Oct 3rd, Noon-5 pm. Met with Eve to brainstorm ideas: posters on recycling, promote \$35 bins, can offer overflow bags at the event. Patrice and Eve came up with some games for the kids. Pledge that people can sign (e.g. to buy recycled items for 30 days). Recycle smart quiz on own devices. Citizens petition for "skip the stuff" so restaurants will ask before giving straws/utensils. Prizes - stickers.
 - Suggestion that we spend \$50 for a compost bin for the event
 - b. Sharon Conservation Day: Sept 11-12. Organizing a scavenger hunt. If you would like to volunteer, let Rosemary know.
5. SSC Interest Group Reports / Break-out rooms
 - a. Food (Alice Zaniewski): Planning activities with Patrice for the SSC Kids
 - b. Zero Waste (Debbie Tatro): Working on "Skip the stuff" citizens petition for restaurants to only give out utensils on request (Eve will be leading); Polystyrene food service ban
 - c. SSC Invest for the Planet (Paul Lauenstein/Karen): 2-tier program for beginners/more experienced investors.
 - d. Water/Lake Health (Laura Henze Russell): BOH is continuing testing at main beach and at the streams (April-Oct).
6. Liaison Reports
 - 350 Mass greater Franklin node (Ralph)

7. New Business

- a. Ice cream social and get to know SSC at the October meeting?

It was decided best not to have the Ice Cream social due to Covid. Will meet as usual by Zoom instead.

8. Next Meetings

- SSC Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 7 - 8:30 PM by Zoom
- SSC Membership Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 7 - 8:30 PM by Zoom

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes submitted by Marlene Arnold