

MEETING AGENDA
Sustainable Sharon Coalition General meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Zoom Remote Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/3524688267>

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- 7:00 1. Welcome to our August SSC meeting (Cheryl Schnitzer)
- Vision statement: We inspire, educate, connect, and catalyze our community to protect the planet. 🌍
 - Test raising and lowering hands. Shut off microphones. Avoid commenting in chat area.
 - Test: what's the SSC Word of the Year?
 - Email Board Vote, Paul Lauenstein, 8/27/20: \$300 donation for maintenance of current Sharon athletic fields (details below)*, 13 Yes, 3 didn't respond.
 - Presentation by high school student SSC Energy Interns (Thank you, Interns, Simone, and the Mentors!)
- 7:20 2. Report from SSC Energy and Climate Committee (Artie Crocker)
- 7:30 3. Report from SSC Zero Waste Committee (Debbie Tatro/Helen Poynton)
- 7:40 4. Report from SSC Communities, Interfaith, and Multicultural Committee (Asma Abdullah)
- 7:50 5. Any new business? Next SSC monthly meeting: Wed. Oct. 7th, 7:00 PM. (Cheryl Schnitzer)
- 8:00 6. Guest speaker: Kirstie Pecci, director of the Zero Waste Project and a Senior Fellow at Conservation Law Foundation
- 8:30 7. Adjourn (Cheryl Schnitzer)

*** Email Board Vote, Paul Lauenstein, 8/27/20: \$300 donation for maintenance of current Sharon athletic fields**

Many of the athletic fields in Sharon are in poor condition. Our student-athletes deserve safe, playable fields. There are few if any suitable locations to build new fields in Sharon without destroying the natural open spaces and wildlife habitat that make Sharon special (check out the wildlife sightings at: <http://www.sharonfoc.org>). Thus, we need to provide good maintenance for the fields we have.

A group of concerned residents is working on an initiative to hire a professional to analyze the fields and formulate a maintenance plan to significantly improve them. This fall, we want to upgrade four of Sharon's dozen fields as a sort of pilot project to demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach. The cost for analyzing the fields and formulating a plan is \$2,500, which includes five years of monitoring and advice by Tom Irwin Advisors to ensure the success of the program.

The four fields we have selected are the High School, Ames Street, East Elementary, and Gavins Pond Road. We are asking the Town to underwrite the High School field, and we have asked three sports organizations; Sharon Youth Lacrosse, Sharon Soccer and Sharon Youth Baseball; to raise \$2,500 each for maintenance plans for the other three fields. The Sharon DPW already has a budget for the actual maintenance work, but we believe that professional maintenance plans based on scientific analyses of actual conditions at each field would help strategically allocate those funds for maximum benefit.

Please "reply all" to vote to contribute \$100 to each of the three above-mentioned organizations (total of \$300) to help them with this initiative.

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