

## **Sustainability Working Group (SWG)**

**(Draft) Minutes:** March 28, 2023 (in person)

Attending: Ralph Harder (recorder)

Sharon Benoit

Ben Lounsbury

Silver Moore-Leamon

Camille Parrish

Excused: Tim MacLeod

Staff: Derek Boulanger - SWG liaison, City of Auburn

Jonathan LaBonte - Transportation Systems Analyst, City of Auburn  
(excused)

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1. SNRB**

Update on SNRB activities and upcoming March 28 Planning Board public hearing on proposed zoning changes in Agriculture and Resource Protection Zone.

#### **2. EV Charging Stations, municipal fleet transition to EV**

Derek updated group on various grant funding efforts - Efficiency Maine, federal DOT, federal Community Block grants.

SWG future involvement in two areas: Community education and research on Maine municipal zoning ordinances governing placement of charging stations including in new construction. Ben and Camille expressed interest in future involvement.

#### **3. Community Resilience Partnership**

City self-evaluation document being prepared. Work Groups to give feedback prior to public hearing.

#### **4. Recycling/Composting/Solid Waste Contract.**

Discussion of current overflow problem at recycling collection dumpster at Maine Waste and Energy. How can SWG be involved to re-energize recycling and composting efforts? Ralph to raise issue at upcoming SNRB meeting.

Can SWG apply for and if successful, administer USDA grant funds for a community education program?

**2023 Meeting Dates:**

January 24th  
February 28th  
March 28th  
April 25th  
May 23rd  
June 27th  
July 25th  
August 22nd  
September 26th  
October 24th  
November 28th  
December none