

Sustainability Working Group (SWG)

Minutes: August 22, 2022 (Zoom)

Attending: Camille Parrish

Tim MacLeod

Ralph Harder (recorder)

Silver Moore-Leamon

Sharon Benoit

Guests: Derek Boulanger - SWG liason, City of Auburn (excused)

Jonathan LaBonte - Transportation Systems Analyst, City of Auburn

Agenda Items:

1. Municipal Composting

a. Sharon spoke with Public Works Director, Denis D'Auteuil

b. Denis confirms no budget for community outreach.

c. We Compost It!, the vendor, is supposed to report use statistics quarterly. Unclear what data is available.

Discussion re: location of collection kiosks. South Portland has kiosks near multi-family dwellings where folks may not have cars for access to remote drop-off.

2. EV Charging Stations

a. Tim presented information re: charging station types and current regional locations.

b. **Discussion** re: possible sources of funding - Efficiency Maine, Community Partnership and state DOT grants. What are other communities doing to develop plans and get funding?

c. **Discussion** re: role of SWG in assisting planning and development. Make recommendations aligned with current Comp and Strategic Plans to policy advisory group (SNRB) to bring before City Council. Recommendations could include, for example, ordinance change incentivizing EV charging station placement at new multi-family construction, budgeting for replacement EV vehicles in City fleet.

d. **Discussion** of timing of recommendations for upcoming budget cycle beginning Feb.-March.

3. Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGE)

a. No updates.

4. Recycling/Solid Waste Contract.

a. **Discussion** as to how SWG can get updates on vendor selection process.

5. Need for SWG document folder

a. Derek sent link from IT to group

6. Budget for SWG

a. **Discussion** re: how to raise this with Council/City Manager

Follow-up:

1. Sharon will contact Dan Goyette regarding specifics of current composting contract and location of collection kiosks.
2. Tim and Jonathan will review Comp and Strategic plans for sections that align with our proposed projects.
3. Sharon will query City Manager re future budget for SWG activities
4. Camille will investigate City participation in Community Partnership program.
5. Tim, Camille and Derek will discuss further how to use GHGE analysis in Auburn's municipal planning and budgeting.
6. Silver will investigate how recycling education might be enhanced in the current and future recycling program.

Next Meeting: September 19, 10AM (Zoom)