



Sustainable Durham

Agenda: June 2, 2026 Durham Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

1. Attendance
 - a. Present: Krista Bauchman, Tonya Buddie, Liz Conroy, Trish Dynia, Erica Fisher
 - b. Absent: Katie Hughes, Carly Koebel, Susan Michael, Laura Francis
 2. Approval of April 7, 2026 minutes - motion to approve by Erica Fisher and seconded by Trish Dynia - all in favor - 2 abstentions
 3. Budget - Before the end of this fiscal year, the committee plans to purchase sandwich boards, banners, t-shirts and grabbers for upcoming events. We discussed requesting funds to eradicate invasive species from Allyn Brook Park hopefully in conjunction with the Parks and Rec Committee. We will reach out to the Conservation Commission as they have undertaken similar projects and can provide helpful information.
 4. Sustainable CT Action Items
 - Review Action Item 7- Energy Infrastructure and Operations
 - 7.1 Data needs to be entered to update town energy usage statistics. Krista is going to tackle this in July with Tonya's guidance.
 - 7.2 Not pursued.
 - 7.3 Community Center may have a 10% reduction in energy usage given all the recent improvements. This is dependent on the results of 7.1.
 - 7.4 Solar - the time frame for this may have expired
 - 7.5 Too much to take on
 - 7.6 Exterior lighting has been upgraded - can't pursue this
 - 7.7 Community Energy Campaign
 - 7.8 Energy Audit of town buildings - Eversource - on hold
 - 7.9 C-PACE?
 - 7.10.1 Battery storage education - completed
- Note - nothing in Action 2 has been selected

5. Adopt-a-Road went really well. More people volunteered and more roads were cleaned up. There were lots of people to help clean up Allyn Brook Park. About half of all volunteers took their bags to the transfer station themselves. Erica to provide headcount info -

We would like to laminate a couple of large maps of the streets of Durham to help organize the clean up in the future.

6. Roundtable - How do we better promote what Sustainable Durham is and does?

Tonya is working on documenting the solar system permitting process to see if some of it can be streamlined. She also was working on 9.9.1 - waste management. She found that private haulers are not required to report their pick up data by town. When this was pointed out to Sustainable CT they agreed to look at the criteria as it may need to be revised.

Evan Wenchell attended the meeting and is interested in either joining the committee as an alternate or volunteering. His area of expertise is energy management and conservation and he is very strong in graphic design.

Katie and Krista developed a comprehensive list of businesses with the goal of getting the information up on the website. They will reach out to the Economic Development Committee to coordinate how this info will be displayed.

Motion to adjourn made by Erica, seconded by Liz at 8:13 pm. Approved.

Next meeting: July 7, 3rd floor Durham Town Hall