



Sustainable Durham

Agenda: October 6, 2026 7:00 PM 3rd Floor Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

1. Attendance
 - a. Present: Tonya Buddie, Liz Conroy, Trish Dynia, Katie Hughes, Carly Koebel, Susan Michael
 - b. Absent: Krista Bachman
2. Approve Minutes
 - a. Motion made by Tonya Buddie to approve September minutes; seconded by Carly Koebel. Unanimous approval.
3. Update on progress on Action Items
 - a. Do we have anything for Action item 2? Katie will follow up with Krista and the Town Clerk to see if the searchable business list can be put up on the website.
 - b. Action 3.10 Sue and Carly are working on a plan to remove all of the invasive plants from Allyn Brook Park. They have taken an inventory of the area and consulted with Peter Piccone from DEEP regarding the project. Because this project can be improved by input from many stakeholders, the equity tool kit will be applied to this action. A meeting with stakeholders is planned for Wednesday, November 18th to start to gather feedback. There are grants available to help out with this type of project so any cost incurred whether in-kind or by expenditure will be tracked carefully. This should be a great project for Sustainable Durham.
 - c. Category 5.6.1 Streamline Solar Permitting - items still in process
 - i. Tonya is working with Robin, the town planner, to develop language to add to the regulations to simplify solar permitting.
 - ii. We would like to add a section on sustainability to town planning and zoning regulations. Once language has been developed, it has to be presented to Planning and Zoning for approval and implementation. Tonya is drawing on some of the language regarding energy conservation from Guilford.

- d. Action 7: Energy Star Portfolio - Data needs to be entered into the portfolio. Ron Capozzi will take on this task. Liz will email him to get a status update.
- e. Review [Actions 8.1](#)
 - i. Carly and Susan are going to update the worksheet.

4. Roundtable

- a. Sue provided an update on the Durham Fair Composting project. Due to the terrible weather during the Fair, the composting stats are down. Volunteer hours were 165.2 but participation from the ECO students was down 50%. 48.9 pounds of plastic film were recycled primarily from pallet wrap and bedding bags in the animal barns.. There is an opportunity to increase the amount of film plastic recycled. Everything worked well with the new haulers.

5. Public Comment - no public in attendance.

Adjourn: Liz moved to adjourn; Carly seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next meeting dates: November 3, December 1, 2026