

Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes November 23, 2021

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, this meeting is being conducted on Zoom. Chairperson Kathi Caccavale called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) Meeting was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle and Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, and filing a copy in the office of the Clerk. This notice was made available to members of the general public.”

The following members acknowledged their presence:

Kathleen Caccavale, Chairperson/Regular Member

Peter Fried, Resident/Regular Member

Lisa Jordan, Resident/Regular Member

Angelique Devost, Resident/Regular Member

Marilyn Musielski, Resident/Regular Member

Joan Maccari, Resident/Regular Member

Special Guest:

Claire Whitcomb, Resident/Chair, Madison Environmental Commission

Absent:

Sarah Fischer, School Board Representative/Regular Member

Judy Honohan, Shade Tree Commission Representative/Regular Member

John Hoover, Borough Council Liaison/Regular Member

October minutes were approved.

Kathi shared that the open space tax was restored, and Giralda Farms was rezoned for art galleries, craft beer, and supportive housing.

Sustainable Madison was recognized for the highest point count in our population category (5,000-40,000), and was second highest in the state. Three must-revise actions were resubmitted, so there may be additional points by the end of the year.

Kathi advised consideration of Municipal Water Story as an action that we take moving forward.

Madison is eligible to apply for a PSE&G \$2,000 grant. Application deadline is February 11, 2022

Action item: Peter will close the Gardiner Grant, so Madison can become eligible to apply for additional PSE&G grants at the \$10,000 or \$20,000 level.

Kathi felt a Complete Streets Technical Assistance Grant could be a good way forward toward submitting a Complete Streets action with an updated policy if our town engineer, Bob Vogel, is interested in working in collaboration. There are webinars for other ideas for grants to support complete streets. Application deadline is February 11, 2022.

We engaged in a roundtable discussion for 2022 priorities.

April 22, EarthDay EV Expo event is being planned.

Claire Whitcomb of the MEC commented that Tom Salaki is doing a tree inventory in the parks and that Shade Tree and the town are looking to strengthen the tree protection ordinance in 2022.

Rolling and new action items are as follows:

Action Item: LED lights and heating systems in Hartley Dodge Memorial are the two key energy efficiency areas the town is working on. Peter Fried will ask Bob Vogel for more information about the key issues concerning heating in Hartley Dodge Memorial (Update: this action is in progress).

Action Item: Peter Fried would like information on upcoming events in order to share information to the *Madison Eagle*.

Action Item: Lisa Jordan shared a map template that students can use in contributing to the ERI, in order to receive feedback and suggestions from frequent ERI users. It is being reviewed.

The next SMAC meeting will be on December 21 at 1:30 P.M. [Zoom information can be found here.](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 P.M.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Jordan