



City of Greenfield, Massachusetts
Sustainable Greenfield Implementation Committee (SGIC)
January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Hannah Rechtschaffen, Chair
George Touloumtzis, Vice Chair, Planning board rep
Mary Chicoine, public member
Nancy Hazard, public member
Jonah Keane, public member
Greta Shwachman, Public Schools Food Service Director

Committee Members Absent:

Eric Twarog, Director of Planning and Development (regrets)
Marlo Warner, Director of Public Works

Other participants:

Amy Cahillane, Community & Economic Director

--- George called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm ---

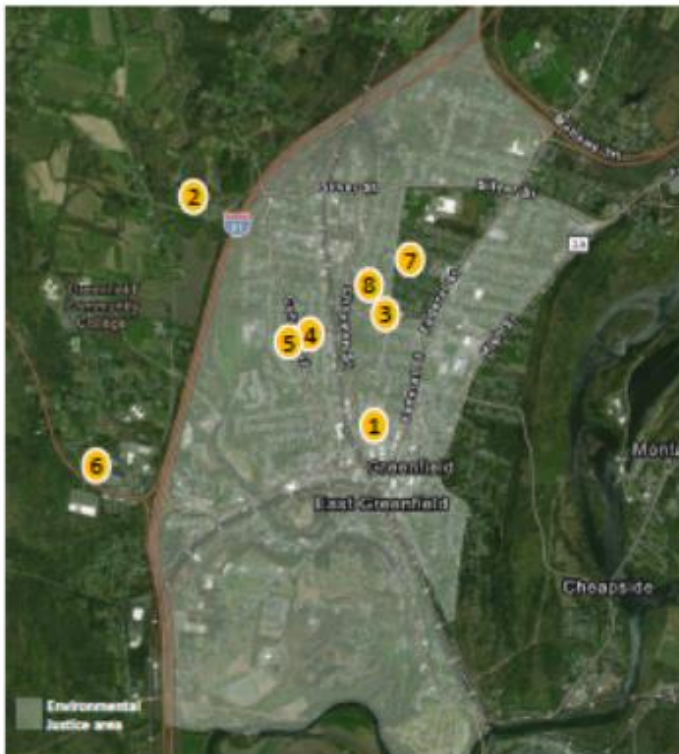
AGENDA

1. **Introductions:** A round of introductions was offered by SGIC members – three member slots are currently vacant including one public member, City council designee and Energy and Sustainability Director or designee.
2. **Annual Committee Reorganization:**
 - a. **Chair:** Mary Chicoine (those nominated: Jonah Keane and Mary Chicoine)
 - b. **Vice-Chair:** George Touloumtzis (those nominated: George Touloumtzis)
 - c. **Clerk:** Mary moved to defer the nomination of clerk until the next meeting. Nancy seconded.
3. **The Conway School Student Project update:** Team of three Conway School students updating two chapters of the 2014 Sustainable Greenfield plan: Land Use, and Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources. Will look at 2014 action items and bring them forward. Not sure how to make the new chapters an official part of the master plan. Is this part of the previous or a whole new. This is a planning board document – approval from the mayor or city council is not necessary but is desired. Endorsement from the mayor and council was sought and obtained for the 2014 version. More discussion about how the plan chapters will be adopted is needed.
4. **US Forest Service Tree Grant Report** – Mary Chicoine, Chair of Greenfield Tree Committee, presented infographics on the tree grant. See attached. Questions followed:

Q: Are trees planted in front yards? A: Yes, the tree grant covered planting trees in front yards within 20' of sidewalk. Q: What has the survival rate been? A: Anecdotally, about 5% of all trees. Q: What happens to the nursery when the funds go away. A: The Tree Committee relies upon donations from the public, along with seeking other grants.
5. **Approval of November Meeting Minutes** – Hannah moved to approve the minutes; Nancy seconded. Minutes were approved by all but for an abstention by Jonah.
6. Announcements - None

--- Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm ---

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 - 5 PM - 6:30 PM



**GTC VOLUNTEER TREE
PLANTING LOCATIONS**

- 1 JZ Center – 12 trees (2023)
- 2 Green River Swim – 10 trees (2023)
- 3 Davis/Pierce – 25 trees (2023)
- 4 Fosters area – 22 trees (2022)
- 5 Elm Terrace – 25 trees (2021)
- 6 Newton School – 16 trees (2021)
- 7 Lunt field – 20 trees (2020)
- 8 Birch St – 25 trees (2019)

165

TREE WHIPS
PLANTED IN
THE NURSERY



80 more pending for 2024

39,000
GALLONS



AVERAGE SEASONAL
IRRIGATION SYSTEM
IN THE NURSERY

161

CURRENT # OF TREES
IN THE NURSERY



Small trees: 34

Shade trees: 127

\$67K

ESTIMATED
VALUE OF
MATERIALS
PROVIDED BY
THE GRANT

702 trees	\$ 31,590
165 tree whips	\$ 7,425
775 water bags	\$ 5,038
225 grow bags	\$ 4,500
1500 tree stakes	\$ 7,500
250 bamboo stakes	\$250
irrigation materials	\$ 975
fence and installation	\$ 7,500
other materials/tools	\$ 2,350
TOTAL	\$ 67,128



4,150 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS