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Sustainability Committee Agenda

Committee Members

Ashwin Ratanchandani (Chair)
Cara Camerato-Hulme
Amanda Flies
Zack Fey
Reshum Aurora
Todd Ching

Samantha Riley (Sustainability Manager)

March 3, 2026
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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Topic Projected Time

Citizen Participation 7:00 – 7:10 PM

Review/ Approve Previous Minutes 7:10 – 7:15 PM

2026 Priorities 7:15 – 7:50 PM

- Sustainable Building best practices training
 - **Next step:** Sam mentioned a public Google drive folder, Cara to look into creating this Google folder and begin to curate resources/outline
- [Skip the stuff](#)
 - Lauren Crowley owner of SubZero in Ashland present on call, discussed this idea
 - Recommendation to make the actions a business needs to take to follow the potential bylaw very clear
 - **Next step:** Ash taking the action submit intention for warrant in for town meeting and beginning first draft of bylaw
 - **Next step:** To discuss scheduling of public hearings
- Community Solar
 - Discussing possible projects in Ashland including Ashland Commuter rail parking lot and getting plans from solar companies



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- **Next step:** To contact Natick about how the solar canopy over West Natick Commuter rail parking lot. Additional updates

Quick Updates on Standing Topics 7:50 – 8:00 PM

- Ashland Public Schools Engagement
 - Upcoming annual Mindess science symposium May 29th if anyone has a STEAM related topic they want to present - possible idea about composting
- Event Planning
 - Ashland Earth Day Sunday April 26th (rain date May 3rd)
 - Town meeting Wednesday May 6th
- ZBA Meeting coverage
 - Cara covered meeting on 2/10 - consider if we need to cover all meetings or only particular meetings where our participation would be more helpful
 - Next ZBA meeting is 2/24 - Cara to possibly cover
- Select board member engagement
 - To connect for support on Skip the Stuff
 - Follow up on insulation for senior center

Energize Ashland Updates 8:00 – 8:10 PM

- Planning a plastics event pending date
- New website live - <https://energizeashland.org/>
- Join the newsletter for regular updates on sustainability in Ashland!

Sustainability Manager Updates 8:10 – 8:20 PM

Any other Business 8:20 – 8:25 PM

- Discussion of new/current members - Chuck has formally resigned

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