

**Town of University Park  
Sustainability Committee  
Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

**Committee members in attendance:** Roy Alvarez, David Brosch, Steve Hurtt, Joe Schultz, Joe Thompson, Mary Sue Twohy, Rose Calabro Tully, Leslie Jenkins.

The meeting, held via Zoom, was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Newsletter items editorial calendar

The committee will begin a practice of contributing news items to the town newsletter. Tentative schedule for the next several months (note that the deadline for submission is one month in advance—e.g., October 1 for the November newsletter):

- November 2020: Maryland Sustainability certification (Roy)
- December 2020: look back on 2020 (Joe S.)
- January 2021: Sustainability Committee 101 (Rose, Joe T.)
- February 2021: Pollinator meadow (Leslie)
- March 2021: Rain barrels (Mary Sue)
- April 2021: Energy efficiency tips while at home (Rose)

2. Pollinator meadow maintenance

Scheduled for September 19, 2–4 p.m. The committee will coordinate a small group of volunteers to pull invasives and reseed some areas, with the guidance of Ariel Trahan of AWS and Lindsay Barranco of the U Md bee lab.

3 Other business

Schultz informed the committee that there is an opportunity to install public electric vehicle chargers at the on-street parking area on Queens Chapel Road, at very little cost to the town, with the help of the Electric Vehicle Institute. Updates will follow. Thompson summarized an initiative taking shape in the Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment to develop ideas for an ordinance to protect large shade/canopy trees. Updates will follow.

4 Climate framework proposal

The committee briefly discussed the memo from town administrator David Deutsch summarizing his conversations with staff on this topic. Deutsch was unable to attend this meeting but will be available for the October 2020 meeting; further discussion put off until then. One specific point raised in the committee's discussion was the urgent relevance of this topic to any planning for town hall renovations; that could a specific focus for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Joe Schultz, chair.