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### Dept of Sustainability and Resilience

#### **Our Mission:**

To implement the ambitious and urgent goals of the Green Worcester Sustainability and Resilience Strategic Plan (GWP), a roadmap for making Worcester the greenest mid-size city in the country.

#### **Our Staff:**

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# CITY OF WORCESTER

## Meeting Agenda

### Green Worcester Advisory Committee

Monday, October 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Location: Esther Howland Room, City Hall, 455 Main St.

*This meeting will be held in-person with an option to also join remotely (see the bottom of the agenda for details).*

### Call to Order

#### **1. Welcome and Meeting Rules**

#### **2. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2024 (*Attachment A*)**

#### **3. Draft 2025 GWAC Meeting Schedule (*Attachment B*)**

#### **4. New Business**

- 1) Presentation – Stretch and Specialized Stretch Code by John Odell, Chief of the Department of Sustainability and Resilience

#### **5. Public Participation/Community Engagement**

#### **6. Standing Item - GWAC Task Force Updates (10 min)**

- 1) Decarbonization benchmarks and goals (Chair Knittle, Members Conna and Leovich)
- 2) Sustainability in Worcester Public Schools (Vice Chair Herwitz, Members Austin and Murphy)

#### **7. DSR Project Updates (10 min)**

- 1) Zero Waste
  - Zero Waste Master Plan – Status Update
  - End of the Season Summary of Community Cleanups with the City Manager's Clean Team
- 2) Resilience
  - Friends of Miyawaki Forests - Project Update
- 3) Lakes and Ponds
  - Watershed-Based Plans – Status Update
  - Stormwater Management Improvements RFP - ARPA
  - Elm Park – Status Update

4) Smart Energy Advice

- Outreach: Energy Savers Raffle, Letters, Bill Inserts (*Attachment C*)
- Main Streets Energy Efficiency Initiative Extension Until December 1, 2024
- 2025-2027 Community First Partnership Application

5) Outreach

- Green Worcester Dashboard Blog Posts (*Attachment D*)

**8. Standing Items**

- a. Items to be considered for placements on the next agenda
- b. Upcoming Events (not DSR organized)

**Adjournment**

**Attachments**

*Attachment A: September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes*

*Attachment B: Draft 2025 GWAC Meeting Schedule*

*Attachment C: Energy Savers Raffle Flyer*

*Attachment D: Green Worcester Dashboard Blog Posts*

**2024 Upcoming Meetings**

Green Worcester Advisory Committee meetings begin on Mondays at 5:30pm:

November 18 - Esther Howland

**Virtual Meeting Information**

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