



**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA
HARRISBURG TOWN HALL
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD MEETING**

**August 11, 2021
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting will be held in the Town Hall Council Chambers, which are open to the public with our normal total capacity of 90 persons. Masks are required to be worn by the public during the meeting. The public may also join the meeting via the Zoom platform at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82909751722?pwd=RXk2bXpFRUVPUk1LSVVsYjlubkpadz09>
- B. AGENDA ADOPTION
- C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during the Public Comment section. Please state your name and address for the record, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Meeting Minutes from past months:** These will be submitted along with this meeting's minutes to both be reviewed/approved in our next meeting.

3. COUNCIL UPDATES

- A. Updates, questions, requests, comments from Mayor Sciascia, Councilmember Staton-Williams, and Councilmember Patrick

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **HSAB Adopt---A---Street:** Discuss any updates and possible next cleanup of Rocky River Rd on 9/18 in the early morning
- B. **New EV charging station installed at Harrisburg Park:** Should go live in 1-2 weeks. Need to plan an official "ribbon cutting ceremony for this - could be related to the 9/25 NDEW event.
- C. **National Drive Electric Week -on 9/25/21 event at Harrisburg Town Center (outside of Town Hall):** Confirmed event with Town staff and Town Center realty company; will start to promote it widely ASAP (need HSAB help); Need to work together to finalize logistics and confirm HSAB volunteers. Event is registered on NDEW site: <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=2816>

- D. **"Green Leaf" Program (business and residential):** Schedule working sessions to update the name, plan and specific details of this program. Begin outreach/engagement with some Town staff, businesses (HBA), and residents for feedback. Goal is to launch in January 2022 (pre--promote in Q4 2021).
- E. **Tree giveaway:** On 8/9, Town Council approved \$5,000 funding for an Arbor Day Foundation tree giveaway. Mark is engaging with the grant organization to secure another \$5,000 and then will move forward with the planning. These trees will be distributed in March or April 2022, so we have time to plan.
- F. **July 4th festival - air quality related to fireworks**
- G. **Electrification of Town grounds maintenance equipment (e.g. mowers, blowers, trimmers):** Reduce operating costs and air and noise pollution. Crew and Mark to share any updates.
- H. **Identify opportunities within buildings, fleet vehicles, other equipment and operations:** To reduce energy consumption and improve health and environmental benefits. Need to assign a sub-committee of HSAB members to take point on this and engage key Town staff members (e.g. Lee, Brian, Rob, Jim, etc.).
- I. **UDOs approved by Town Council on 8/9:** Included sustainability "requirements"

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Monitor air quality in Veteran's Park:** A resident inquired to Councilmember Patrick about this. The HSAB will use a portable AirBeam2 monitor to gather readings over the next several weeks. Ideally, we add a permanent PurpleAir monitor to this park and other Harrisburg parks and key locations (need to assign an HSAB point person to drive this.)
- B. **Harrisburg water quality:** Discuss recent reports. Further engage Town staff (Public Works) and other experts (local and state) on water quality - specifically, on how to help further educate residents. (Need an HSAB member on point to drive this.)
- C. **Possibility to replace waste and recycle bins:** Continue exploration to determine if replacing these bins ASAP would be cost neutral within the Town's existing Waste Pro contract. If so, proceed accordingly. If not, weigh cost options to replace them before the contract ends or plan to replace them when the contract ends on June 30, 2024.
- D. **Wildlife (deer) in a section of Stallings Farm:** Recently, the population has increased more than is historically there.

6. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

- A. **SAB tool(s) for communication, scheduling, planning, file sharing:** Tabled for next meeting
- B. **Discuss creation of HSAB Sub-committees** (e.g. energy, electrification, waste, water, air, land, wildlife): As a related example, a resident emailed the HSAB about the possibility of starting a Wildlife Conservation Committee under the HSAB.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Town of Harrisburg's Vision Statement

Harrisburg will be the best small town in North Carolina based on low density housing, excellent economic opportunities, a safe living environment, and efficient and effective municipal services. Amenities such as excellent recreational programs, adequate open space, attractive shopping opportunities, a diversity of restaurants, and a connected system of roadways, sidewalks, greenways, and bicycle lanes will continue to enhance the quality of life of the Town. These services and amenities will be provided while retaining reasonable tax rates and debt levels.
