



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

**September 8, 2021
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting will be held VIRTUALLY ONLY via the Zoom platform at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82909751722?pwd=RXk2bXpFRUVPUk1LSVVsYjlubkpadz09>
- B. AGENDA ADOPTION
 - 1. Members to add/edit/remove agenda items if needed.
- 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. Approve the Minutes from our 8/11/21 HSAB 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 Cleanup on Sat, 9/18:** Scott Crew to share updates and plan for HSAB members cleaning up Rocky River Rd on 9/18 - and Town social media sharing cleanup-related content.
- B. **Tree giveaway:** Mark Allen to share any updates and next steps. (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.)
- C. **Electrification of Town grounds maintenance equipment (e.g. mowers, blowers, trimmers):** Reduce operating costs and air and noise pollution. Scott Crew and Mark Allen to share any updates. Need to further engage Town staff (Adam Abernathy and Brian Lee mainly).

- D. **Identify opportunities within buildings, fleet vehicles, other equipment and operations:** To reduce energy consumption and improve health and environmental benefits. Scott Crew and Scott Noel to provide any updates. 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.).
- E. **Monitor air quality in Veteran's Park:** A resident inquired to Councilmember Patrick about this. In September/October, the HSAB will use a portable AirBeam2 monitor to gather readings. Will also explore options to fund and install a permanent PurpleAir monitor to this park (currently no wifi available at this park). Need to assign an HSAB point person to this.
- F. **Wildlife (deer) in a section of Stallings Farm:** Per what a resident in Stallings Farm shared with Councilmember Ron Smith, recently, the deer population has increased more than is historically there. No updates to share. Discuss possible organizations to contact for recommendations.
- G. **Possibility to replace existing Harrisburg waste and recycle bins:** Follow up with Mayor Sciascia and Town staff (Brian Lee, Lee Connor, Rob Donham) needed. 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.
- H. **HSAB-funded PurpleAir monitor in Pharr Mill Park:** Per conversations with James Mahoney (Town IT staff), due to logistics/infrastructure, the decision was made to install this monitor in Pharr Mill Park. James has the monitor and it should be installed in September (timing TBD). Discuss HSAB member payment options (one option - each member pays CleanAIRE NC directly).
- I. **"Green Leaf" Program (business and residential):** Updates and next from 8/25 HSAB working session to be shared - two main outcomes: keep the Green Leaf name and greatly simplify the program (for the Year 1 launch at least). Next steps: Individual member feedback by Sunday, 9/12 EOD; Sub-committee (Noel, Crew, Huster, anyone else?) to tighten up approach/documents by or before 9/26 EOD; Then begin outreach/engagement with some Town staff, businesses (HBA), and residents for feedback. Goal is to officially launch in January 2022 (pre--promote in late Q4 2021 if possible).
- J. **Harrisburg water quality:** Scott Noel to share brief update and possible local resource to assist with water quality information/education. 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.)
- K. **New EV charging station installed and live at Harrisburg Park:** Went live the week of August 23, 2021. Need to work with Brian Lee and the NC DEQ (as part of the rebate program agreement) to plan an official "ribbon cutting ceremony" for this - could be related to or separate from the 9/25 NDEW event.
- L. **National Drive Electric Week -on 9/25/21 event at Harrisburg Town Center (outside of Town Hall):** Scott Noel to share updates and critical next steps. Need to confirm day-of HSAB volunteers. Event is registered on NDEW site: <https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=2816>

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

- A. **SAB tool(s) for communication, scheduling, planning, file sharing:** Discuss any updates and next steps.
- B. **Possible creation of HSAB Sub-committees** (e.g. energy, electrification, waste, water, air, land, wildlife): Table for upcoming meetings. As a related example, a resident emailed the HSAB about the possibility of starting a Wildlife Conservation Committee under the HSAB.
- C. **HSAB member term limits:** Some HSAB members terms end on 12/31/21 based on how we had to set up the by-laws. A list of term end dates will be shared so those members whose terms are scheduled to end on 12/31/21 (Allen, Morris, Leake, Hogg) can share their intention (before our October meeting) to either continue or end their HSAB membership. For those wishing to continue, the HSAB must officially vote on this in our 10/13/21 meeting.

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.
