



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

**January 12, 2022
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting will be held in-person in Town Hall Council chambers and virtually via the Zoom platform at the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82909751722?pwd=RXk2bXpFRUVPUk1LSVVsYjlubkpadz09>
- B. AGENDA ADOPTION
- C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - 1. **Thank you to outgoing HSAB members:** Mark Allen, Virginia Halter, Ronn Hogg, Sr., Bill Leake, and Tim Morris
 - 2. **Welcome new HSAB members** - 2-yr terms: Michelle Abbott, Kez Hubler, Glorisha Jones, and Faith Silva. 1-yr term - Tim Thornton
 - 3. **Tara Moore, Director of Conservation Partnerships at NC Wildlife Federation**
- 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. COUNCIL UPDATES

- A. Updates, questions, requests, and comments from Councilmembers Patrick and Staton-Williams.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **"Green Leaf" Program (business and residential):** Scott Noel to share updates and next steps. Sub-committee (Noel, Crew, Huster) to tighten up approach/documents to review in Jan 2022 and finalize in Feb/Mar. Continue outreach with some Town staff, businesses, and residents for feedback. Plan is to officially launch this April 2022. (Launch school component in Fall 2022?)
- B. **Earth Day 2022 event planning:** Scott Noel to provide update and facilitate discussion. *First critical question: Does the HSAB proceed plans to host this in-person event?* 3-hour event in collaboration with Town staff, Town Council, and all Town Boards and Committees. At Harrisburg Park on Saturday, April 23 likely starting at 2, 3, or 4pm ET. Next steps (if we proceed): Identify a sub-committee to begin working on this ASAP - HSAB members and ambassadors (Mark Allen, Ronn Hogg, Sr., Bill Leake,

Shalini Byker?), Town staff (April Corley, Shawn Marble, Adam Abernathy?, Sushil Nepal?), other Town boards/committees, residents, and businesses.

- C. **Tree giveaway:** Mark Allen to share updates and next steps. (Related to Arbor Day program and the Cannon Foundation pending grant; Town approved \$5,000 in 2021 for this initiative.)
- D. **Electrification of fleet vehicles and other equipment:** Scott Crew to provide updates. Brian Lee provided some fleet vehicle miles and fuel costs. Next steps: Reconnect with Brian Lee (Finance), Adam Abernathy (P&R), and fire department (chief). (HSAB leader: Scott Crew)
- E. **Air quality monitors:** Discuss near-term options to create awareness and importance of air quality monitors (e.g. town website and social media). Keep school engagement on our radar. Air monitors will also be part of the Green Leaf program. Discuss next installation at Stallings Park - options for funding (business or other org?). Component of Green Leaf program also. (HSAB leader: Vince Houston)
- F. **Waste and recycling education:** Prioritize our focus on education around the existing bins (remain in circulation into 2024); broader content; why it's important; CARTology and other platforms. Scott Noel to share recent Cabarrus County examples. Town website needs corrections and general improvements related to this topic - work with April Corley on updates. (HSAB leader needed - Huster?)
- G. **HSAB Adopt-A-Street - Rocky River Rd:** Scott Crew to discuss next cleanup date(s). (HSAB leader: Scott Crew or new member?)
- H. **Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Stream Programs:** Revisiting this to identify an HSAB member to be on point to work with Town staff (Mallory Hodgson; others?) to help craft and launch this program in 2022 - this will also be a component of the Green Leaf program. Leverage examples (structure, documents, online, items needed) from City of Concord and Charlotte-Meck. (HSAB leader: TBD)
- I. **Recycling program at Hickory Ridge Elementary School:** Scott Crew to provide information, recap of first engagement, and next steps. Further HSAB engagement is needed. Other opportunities with HRES will stem from this effort. (HSAB leader: Scott Crew)
- J. **Harrisburg water quality and quantity:** Invite Rob Donham to attend an upcoming HSAB meeting to discuss this topic (and others). To do item: Work with Town staff and other experts to educate residents on water quality and quantity information. Best practices related to water usage/consumption and quality is a component of the Green Leaf program. (Need an HSAB member on point for this.)

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Recent & Relevant Sustainability News:** Sharing a few stories for everyone's awareness and to consider if/how our HSAB should engage Town staff and other Boards, Town Council, residents, and others related to these. Today's examples: NC Executive Order 246 (goal is to have 1.25MM registered EVs in NC by 2030 - a 4900% increase vs. 2021 figures); Tesla signs deal for first US nickel supply with Talon Metal (in MN, mined in a more environmentally-friendly manner); and a past example - Federal Infrastructure bill (what is available to NC and Harrisburg specifically). (HSAB leader: Scott Noel)
- B. **Town of Harrisburg FY2023 budget process:** Starts January 13th at Council Budget Workshop; to be completed & presented at May 9th Town Council meeting. Can/should an HSAB member be involved in the process? If so, who? Need to request Public Works(?) plan for items related to Adopt-A-Street & Adopt-A-Stream programs? Town promotional items (sustainably-sourced)? Do we request an HSAB budget? If so, how much and for what (e.g. Green Leaf Program)? (Need an HSAB leader on point)

6. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

- A. **Elect 2022 HSAB Executive Board:** Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

- B. **Town staff liaison(s) for HSAB:** Scott Noel has re-started discussions with Lee Connor on this topic. Goal is to have this finalized in Q1 2022.
- C. **Creation of HSAB Subcommittees and Category Leads:** Sub-committees possible examples: Green Leaf Program, Earth Day, Arbor Day. HSAB category lead possible examples: trees, water, waste, energy, electrification, air, land, wildlife): For example, HSAB ex-officio member Mark Allen will lead effort around trees - largely focusing on the 2022 Arbor Day event(s).
- D. **February HSAB Special Presentation(s):** Jacob Bolin, from Plug In NC on key, relevant EV updates and opportunities (will invite relevant Town staff to attend). Any other critical presentations to consider for February?
- E. **Sustainability Show & Tell:** Brief round robin for HSAB members to share relevant products, services, technology, causes, etc. that they use/support. (For example, RocketBook.)

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.
