



**Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
July 11, 2018**

Present: Leigh Hafrey, Chuck Kabat, John Gorham, Emily Walton, Deb Harrison, and Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator

Guests: Jarret Katz

L. Hafrey made a motion moved to open the meeting. C. Kabat second. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

June 13th minutes were ready to approve, but we did not have a quorum of members who were present for that meeting to approve those minutes. They will be approved at the August meeting.

Discussion with Jarret Katz, Planning Director

J. Katz introduced himself to the committee and reviewed his background which includes a BA in Environmental Studies from the University of Delaware and Masters in Urban Planning and Design from URI. He was the Principle Planner for the city of Woonsocket, RI

He described his approach to planning as proactive and looks forward to bringing a vision for the Town. His position is under the direction of the Town Manager.

C. Kabat asked J. Katz about the E. Dedham Plaza re-design to which he responded that he was not a fan. It's a very complicated and expensive design, but he jumped into it in the middle and is working with the Planning board to develop recommendations.

E. Walton inquired about building and developing green infrastructure to LEED or other standards? J. Katz replied that he has more control over Town projects than private development. He is supportive of these initiatives and would like to make recommendations to the Planning Board.

E. Walton suggested that we could endorse his recommendations since we are advisory to the BOS, which J. Katz appreciated the support. The Committee then discussed holding joint meetings to help break down silos or for members to attend meetings of the Planning Board, DRAB and others.

J. Katz discussed his plan for redesigning the highway corridor, Rt1 to increase greenspace, walkability and bike ability.

The Committee decided that once our goals are finalized that prior to presenting to the BOS that they should present them to Planning since many of them involve that Board/Dept. J. Gorham