

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY COMMISSION ACTION TASKS

Priorities: Immediate (I)=within 1 year; Short-Term (ST)=1-3 years; Mid-Term(MT)=3-5 years; Long-Term(LT)=5-10 years

NOTE: Priorities may have two time frames and they may start in the shorter time frame, but take longer to complete.

#	Goal Actions	Primary Entity	Subentity(ies)	Evaluation Metrics	Priority	Status July 2022
G1-26	Identify and encourage conditions that attract and support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color population.	Selectboard	Administration, All entities	Process for identifying issues concerning BIPOC population and for monitoring the experience of Town services across all demographics. Process for identifying challenges and addressing them. Change in Town demographics. Change in diversity of people participating in civic life.	ST/MT	No action taken.
G1-30	Facilitate public outreach events and forums around sustainability, such as public access TV, Know Your Town, mailed resource advertisements, and social media.	Sustainability and Energy Commission	SHCTV, SHELD	Number of events. Number of attendees. Number and type of other outreach attempts. Change as a result of increased awareness.	ST	SEC is working with town to get resourcst to distribute energy rebate opportunities.
G1-31	Foster Town engagement with college/university personnel and consultants to provide special expertise.	Administration	Other entities as appropriate	Number of personnel used. Type and effectiveness of services provided.	ST, MT, LT	On SEC board member is Mt. Holyoke Sustainability Coordinator. No action taken.
G2-23	Investigate impacts of taxation or new stormwater utility on new asphalt installations for roads and driveways.	Department of Public Works	Sustainability & Energy , Board of Assessors	Date of report of impacts. Date new policy adopted.	ST	No action taken.
G3-1	Change boilers in Town buildings to heat pump systems when the boilers need to be replaced.	Sustainability & Energy Commission	Administration	Date of inventory. Date boiler(s) replaced with heat pump system(s). Change in energy usage.	ST/MT	No action taken.
G3-10	Consider alternative community heating and cooling sites and work to identify and map new potential sites.	Board of Health	Administration, Council on Aging, School Department, Library, Sustainability & Energy Commission	Number of sites. Date map available. Number of uses. Date of use. Reason for use.	ST	No action taken.
G3-14	Incorporate addressing climate change/resiliency into routine permitting and operations.	All boards and committees		Date new mandate adopted. Changes to Zoning or subdivision regulations adopted. Impact on projects.	ST	No action taken.
G3-15	Work with Town administration and neighboring towns to consider adoption of Zero Net Carbon goals, tree planting, requiring energy efficiency standards with new construction (particularly municipal) electric charging stations, solar on existing structures, etc.	Planning Board	Administration, SHELD, Sustainability & Energy Commission , Tree Committee, Tree Warden	Date goals adopted. Number of projects affected.	ST	No action taken.
G3-21	Install solar arrays on the South Hadley High School with battery storage in conjunction with SHELD.	School Department	SHELD, Sustainability & Energy Commission	Number of arrays installed. Change in cost of energy.	MT	No action taken.
G3-24	Work with boards and committees to produce videos to welcome new members and give them a brief overview of responsibilities.	SHCTV	All boards and committees	Number of videos. Number of boards and committees participating. Feedback from viewers.	ST	No action taken.
G3-25	Encourage people of diverse backgrounds to run for boards and/or apply for committees to ensure broad representation of all residents in government functions.	All boards		Number of candidates identified. Number of candidates elected. Change in demographics of candidates.	ST/MT	No action taken.
G3-30	Advocate for all new residential and commercial buildings to be built with a solar-ready roof.	Sustainability & Energy Commission	Planning Board	Number of solar-ready roofs constructed. Number of new buildings constructed.	MT	No action taken.
G3-31	Advocate for all new municipal buildings to be built as Net Zero.	Sustainability & Energy Commission	Planning Board	Number of town buildings built as Net Zero. Number of new Town buildings built.	MT	No action taken.

G3-32	Discuss with SHELD the long-term changeover away from nuclear power to renewables (planned for 2045).	Sustainability & Energy Commission	SHELD	Date discussion held. Identified next steps.	MT/LT	No action taken.
G3-33	Support charging stations in town, operated by private entities and the Town.	Sustainability & Energy Commission	Administration	Number of stations installed.	MT	Working with Mt. Holyoke to put int chargers near/on campus. Chargers
G4-1	Create working groups of staff and committee and board members to meet regularly around common priorities to identify and work together toward shared objectives.	All boards, committees, and departments	Administration, Selectboard	Date working group created. Number of shared priorities identified. Number of group actions being pursued. Number of actions completed.	ST	Every month SEC meets for this purpose.
G4-8	Create a central resource directory on the Town website for all listing and linking to all current plans, reports and key data.	Administration	All boards, committees, and departments	Date resource created. Relevance of information provided. Use of information.	ST/MT	No action taken.
G4-13	Prior to Town Meeting, review proposed bylaws as to legality, consistency with other bylaws, and alignment with the goals of this Master Plan Update and make recommendations for action (recommend or not recommend) to the Selectboard and Town Meeting.	Bylaw Review	All other boards and committees	Date(s) bylaws reviewed. Number of committees and/or proposers consulted. Recommendations made. Votes by Town Meeting.	ST/MT	No action taken.
G4-22	Post articles in area newspapers, Town's website and social media.	All boards and committees		Number of articles posted. Number of responses or other feedback.	ST/MT	No action taken.
G4-27	Work with boards, committees and departments to identify baseline data for impact evaluation and standard metrics, as appropriate.	Master Plan Implementation Committee	All boards, committees, and departments	Date baseline data identified. Schedule for collection of baseline data. Date(s) data collected.	MT	No action taken.
G4-28	Work with boards, committees, and departments to monitor progress towards goals using metrics recommended in this Master Plan Update, as appropriate.	Master Plan Implementation Committee	All boards, committees, and departments	Identify schedule and process for monitoring. Feedback from boards etc. as to usefulness. Dates of progress updates to Selectboard, Planning Board, and Town Meeting.	MT/LT	No action taken.
G4-34	Create sustainability action sheets for residents, businesses and Town offices. These sheets would focus on sustainable acts that could be carried out in residential, commercial, industrial and municipal environments.	Sustainability & Energy Commission		Number of sheets created. Number of sheets and types of information distributed. Feedback from users.	ST	No action taken.
G4-35	Publish a running list of all green incentives throughout Town using flyers and social media/website.	Sustainability & Energy Commission		Date list published. Date(s) list updated. Number of people/businesses using incentives.	ST	List completed by John Howard. Currently live on SEC page on town website. Currenrently working to get