



Zero Waste Arlington August 2025 - Minutes

Date: 8/21/25

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Arlington Town Hall Annex, 2nd floor Conference Room
730 Mass Ave, Arlington

Hybrid Meeting format with Zoom:

[ZWA Monthly Meeting Zoom Link](#) (registration required)

Attendees: Emily Dertz, Jennifer Campbell, Scott Mullen, Paul Goldberg, Sarah Kmetz (virtual), Priya Sankalia, Larry Slotnick, Charlotte Milan

Non-Members: Rachel Oliveri, Laura Kiesel, Ellen Kravitz (virtual), Wynelle Evans (virtual), Denise Jaillet (virtual)

Agenda

1. Spent first 20 minutes trying to get wi-fi in the meeting room so Laura could access her slides.
2. Laura Keisel - Save Arlington Wildlife 6:50-7:25pm
 - a. Discussed presentation Wants a fishing ban and assessment
 - b. ZWA to support b/c is single use plastic
 - c. Share deck and petition with committee, [2025.8.21 ZeroWaste FishingLine Presentation](#) and [2025.8.21 FishingLine \(2\)](#) and [Conservation Committee Letter](#) and [Petition](#)
 - d. - will discuss next ZWA meeting
3. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve [July 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - i. 6 Yes, 1 refrain
4. Ongoing Business
 - a. Town Day 9/20/2025 budget requests
 - i. Emily: Stand alone banner for reduce single-use - \$100 - APPROVED (8 yes)
 - ii. Jennifer: Rent UU Church for 2nd bottle washing before Town Day - \$50 to wash for 2 hours total - APPROVED (8 yes)
 - b. Zero Waste Town Plan - next steps and implementation
 - i. RFP - Emily, Jennifer and Priya will meet in early September
 - ii. Pitch deck - Margie & Jim will meet in early September
 - iii. Buddies - ZWA <> Town gov't/select board member. To be determined next meeting once progress is made on RFP and Pitch Deck
 - c. Select Board Meeting - set target date (5 minutes) to be discussed next meeting once RPF and Pitch Deck is finalized
 - i.
 - d. Town Day Planning
 - i. Sign-up genius - Sarah will send out to ZWA listserv

- ii. Sarah and Emily to plan FAQs and a zoom/Google meet meeting for volunteers
 - iii. Larry asked if we should describe/market Arlington water info and Arlington on Tap info. Jennifer said Amy created something last year but weren't able to put up due to rain.
 - iv. Water truck where it was last year and ZWA booth will be next to it
 - v. Have another box of donated water bottles from an Evangelical Christian Church with name on it - will hold off since have so many already (~400) and use for something else
 - vi. CTAs? Get on our listserv - legislative info
 - e. Envision Arlington Survey (Emily)
 - i. Time to see if ZWA has any questions to add to survey
 - ii. Finalized by Oct/Nov - have 5 questions we can add
 - iii. Everyone on committee should come to September meeting with questions in mind for survey
 - 1. Such as - to inform our Zero Waste Town Plan
 - 2. What can be measured? Attitudes, did people participate in xxx
 - 3. What prevents you from doing food scrap diversion?
 - iv. Action item for members: think of questions to add - will discuss next meeting
 - f. Amp Up campaign - the Town's comprehensive plan - position Town for opportunities (Emily, Charlotte, Rachel)
 - i. Town Planner invited people to come up with issues to add to comprehensive plan
 - ii. Could there be partners for our plan?
 - 1. tangent: should we go to other committees to see what they do and share what we are doing?
 - a. Should we have a stakeholder meeting with all environment focused committees where we share what we do?
 - iii. What does ZWA want to include in this plan?
 - g. Recycling Coordinator update - none
 - h. Arlington Schools Sustainability Project Manager update (Rachel)
 - i. Student's Project Zero - getting up and running now - possibly opportunities to connect with ZWA?
 - i. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Legislative - Scott
 - 1. Governor filed environmental bond bill - \$3B - authorization to borrow - like \$28M for capital expenditures for composting/recycling/waste programs
 - 2. Ways and Means - discussion of different recycling bills
 - ii. Community Engagement
 - iii. Residential Food Waste Diversion
5. New Business
 - a. ZWA Hybrid Meeting Policies/Etiquette - do we want people to join on camera? Intros? Do we do an intro?
6. We are a Town committee - Jim will work with the Town moderator to manage re-appointments.
7. Scott had new t-shirts to show with ZWA logo on it (for events)

Meeting end: 8:10pm