

Northampton Youth Commission

Sustainability Working Group

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Meeting Notice

Online Video Conference (Zoom)

Meeting Date: January 31, 2023

Meeting Time: 8 PM

The Northampton Youth Commission Sustainability Working Group leads the Commission's advocacy efforts to pass environmental sustainability policy in the City of Northampton.

Instructions for joining the virtual meeting:

Topic: Northampton Youth Commission

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/noho-youth-commission>

Procedural note: Due to time constraints, discussion items may be postponed to future meetings.

Items for discussion:

1. Welcome + introductions
2. Overall of what working group's work will consist of this year
 - a. Advocating for sound implementation of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability ordinance which Youth Commission championed and successfully advocated for the passage of in early 2021, and was implemented just this past fall, potentially getting in touch with DPW to get exact numbers on how many businesses have asked for extensions, and what kinds of businesses they've tended to be, so we can provide those places with support or information to help them eventually come into compliance
 - b. Advocating for electrification of Northampton Public Schools' bus fleet, potentially through upcoming bidding process (our contract with Durham, which currently contracts many of our larger buses from, is up this year)
3. Overview of roles different people will have in the working group
 - a. Helping write agendas
 - b. Sending emails

- c. Participating in and eventually leading meetings with people in school district and DPW
- 4. Discuss prospect of emailing someone from School District to meet with them about bus electrification, potentially along with School Committee member Michael Stein
 - a. Who in the working group would like to be included on that email and in that meeting?