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Environment & Energy Committee Meeting Agenda

Feb 19th, 2026 6:00pm

IN PERSON City Hall Room 208

Guest: Sam Howorth-Vargas, Conor Muse, Sam Darby,

Present: Arden Cala (Virtual), Levent Akinci, Doria Brown, Will Darby, Aldermen Kelly (Entered room at 6:05pm), Michael Turcotte

1. Call to Order & Welcome (Chair: Arden Cala)

- Doria called meeting to order at 6:01pm

2. Approve Minutes – Jan 2026

- Moved to March meeting agenda to allow for more time for the land use code discussion.

3. Presentation on Land Use Code

- Connor Muse presented on the proposed land use code (see Attachment A), including updates to the green score framework and environmental considerations.
- Committee members asked clarifying questions on green score mechanics, including funding allocation (follow up with Sam Durfee) and requirements such as pervious pavement maintenance.
- Discussion confirmed that parking count does not impact green score, while landscaping standards will be updated to prioritize tree quality, environmental fit, and approved/non-approved plant species lists.
- The green score system assigns targets by building type, with higher expectations for developments with limited space; density bonuses for net zero development align with affordable housing incentives and are applied per building.
- Broader discussion topics included recycling requirements for multi-family housing, treatment of sidewalks and civic spaces, and stormwater management; follow up needed on stormwater communication strategies with Matt Leblanc.

4. Update on [House Bill 1002](#)- would repeal the NH state law that enables towns and cities to exempt residential solar energy systems from local property taxes. Municipalities would lose the option to offer this exemption, and previously covered homeowners with solar could see higher property taxes starting next year.

- Doria shared that this house bill was shelved and is no longer going to move forward.
5. Livable Nashua Plan – Follow-ups & Action Items: Sandy Pond Service Project: define scope, target date, needed permits/supplies, and volunteer coordination.
- This discussion was shelved until the March meeting.
6. Other Business
- There was no other business.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm