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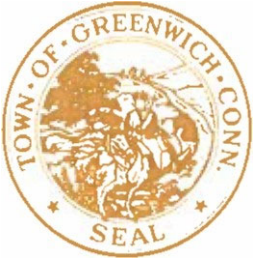
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# TOWN OF GREENWICH

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Fred Camillo  
First Selectman

## Greenwich Sustainability Committee

March 4, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting

<https://greenwichct.zoom.us/j/87947304903?pwd=WGtBRWFsOFViQXQvbFlxcTM0S0g2dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 4730 4903

Passcode: 3508498

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes
  - a. Approval of February, 2021 meeting minutes
3. Discussion of 2021 Priorities
  - Sustainability Plan - Julie DesChamps and Urling Searle
4. Sustainable CT – Status Update
  - Update on Equity Discussions – Sarah Coccaro and Ali Ghiorse
5. Earth Day Initiatives – Sarah Coccaro
6. Legislative/Advocacy Update – Elizabeth Dempsey and Svetlana Wasserman
  - State Legislation – Bottle Bill Update and Vote on Statement in Support
  - State Legislation – Greenwich Tree Conservancy bill and Vote on Statement in Support
  - BET / Budget – Bicycle Master Plan – Aleksandra Moch and Jill Oberlander
7. Public Engagement Initiatives – Discussion – Myra Klockenbrink
8. New Business/Next Steps
9. Adjourn

Proposed Next Meeting: April 1, 2021, 11 AM

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## MINUTES - DRAFT

### Sustainability Committee Meeting - VIRTUAL MEETING

March 4, 2021

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Sarah Coccaro; Karyn Calcano; Ashley Cole; Elizabeth Dempsey; Julie DesChamps; Ali Ghiorse; Myra Klockenbrink; JoAnn Messina; Aleksandra Moch; Cheryl Moss; Sharon Psychojas, Urling Searle; Eli Schafer, Audubon Greenwich; Svetlana Wasserman; Ani Widham. Philip Dodson, RTM D8.

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.
2. **Minutes.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the February 4, 2021 meeting were approved.
3. **Discussion of 2021 Priorities.** Ms. DesChamps and Ms. Searle shared a status update on the draft Sustainability Plan, including recent and upcoming sector meetings. Members suggested adding an Introduction page that explains the Sustainability Committee and identifies committee-wide goals. **Next Steps:** A draft of the proposed plan will be distributed to Committee members for consideration at the April meeting.
4. **Sustainable CT Status Update:** Ms. Coccaro updated the Committee on the Sustainable CT application status, indicating that Department of Human Services Commissioner Demetria Nelson will be submitting a project related to effective, compassionate homelessness prevention/response.  
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- 7. Public Engagement Initiatives.** The Committee discussed how to best publicize Sustainability Committee initiatives and agreed to look for a volunteer with public relations and marketing experience. Ms. Klockenbrink stated that a series of articles planned through local media, including the Greenwich Free Press, could contribute to the promotion of Sustainability Committee efforts. The Committee agreed to further develop its email contact list as well as other forms of technology.
- 8. New Business/Next Steps.**

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Jill K. Oberlander  
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## MINUTES - FINAL

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