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# TOWN OF GREENWICH

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## Greenwich Sustainability and Enhancement Committee

June 18, 2020  
11:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting

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### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes
  - a. Approval of May 28, 2020 meeting minutes
3. Status Updates – Report by Sector Subcommittees
  - Sector Subcommittee Development
  - Mission statement
  - Community outreach, if any
  - Other updates
    - Tipping Fees / PAYT
    - Food Scrap Recycling
    - Textile Recycling
    - Web-page
4. Next Steps
  - Summer Meetings - Discussion
  - Logo
  - Energy Options
  - Outreach to Planning & Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission and Department of Public Works
5. Adjourn

Next Meeting: To be discussed

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MINUTES  
Sustainability and Enhancement Committee Meeting - VIRTUAL MEETING  
June 18, 2020

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Elizabeth Dempsey, Julie DesChamps, Ali Ghiorse, James Hoffman, Myra Klockenbrink, Aleksandra Moch, Cheryl Moss, Urling Searle, Svetlana Wasserman.

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.
2. Minutes. Discussion on the minutes was deferred until the next meeting.
3. Status Updates and Discussion of Next Steps. Committee members provided updates on the sector activities as follows:
  - a. **Food Sustainability:** Ms. Ghiorse has developed a platform for a sustainable food initiative to provide the Greenwich community with awareness and resources about Greenwich's regional food system. The first step is to form a local or regional Food Policy Council. **Next steps: Ms. Ghiorse will be reaching out to food system changemakers and further developing the sector priorities.**
  - b. **Waste Diversion / Reduction:** Ms. DesChamps updated the Committee on the launch of the food-scrap recycling program: kit sales are increasing and GRAB will be launching a social media "save the food" campaign later this year. Suggestions were made about signage at Holly Hill and there was discussion about facilitating food waste recovery by adding a drop-off at the OG Farmer's Market and possibly looking into curbside pick-up. Ms. DesChamps advised that the textile recycling agreement had been approved by the Board of Selectmen and that locations have been identified for bin placement: at Holly Hill; adjacent to the Cos Cob Library; at Town Hall; and at the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. They also will be considering placement at Arch Street, The Nathaniel Witherell and the Western Greenwich Civic Center. The waste reduction group has also been in discussions with local supermarkets about the placement of a bio-digester to transform food waste into soil additive. There had been a grant application identified, however, the submission date of June 26<sup>th</sup> did not provide the community with sufficient lead time to discuss this option. **Next steps: implementation of the textile recycling program; liaise with GRAB on a Town Hall waste reduction plan; further develop sector priorities.**
  - c. **Transportation.** Ms. Moch reported on the first meeting of the Transportation sector subgroup. The subgroup discussed electric buses and working with the State of CT to obtain grant funding for this initiative. There was discussion about replacing diesel lawn and landscaping equipment with electric options. Ms. Moch notified the Committee about new bicycle awareness signage installed by the Department of Public Works and the transportation subgroup will be working to increase bicycle ridership. The opening of Greenwich Avenue was discussed, including the need for: police back on the Avenue to help with traffic flow and communication; better signage along Fawcett Place; smarter parking solutions for the future. Ms. Moch recommended developing a survey on parking needs and usage. **Next steps: evaluate transportation and parking options for Downtown Greenwich Avenue; electric bus proposals; improve bicycle access options.**

Ms. Klockenbrink asked about enforcement of no-idling statutes. Ms. Dempsey agreed to research the law and report back. Ms. DesChamps will share information that she has from

prior work on this topic. Ms. Moch will obtain the air quality sampling data from DEEP for the past few months to compare to pre-COVID transportation patterns.

d. **Enhancement:** Deferred to next meeting.

e. **Water and Land Use:** Ms. Klockenbrink reported that she attended the last virtual meeting of the POCD Greenscape Committee and much progress had been made on design work along the Post Road. She has also discussed possible composting sites with the Greenwich Land Trust Executive Director Will Kies and has been working on a Pollinator Pathway location with Anne Chapin behind the Pinetum. Ms. Klockenbrink is working on a proposal for a managed plan for use of the entire Pomerance/Pinetum/Tuchman preserves.

f. **Energy:** Ms. Oberlander advised that she and Mr. Hoffman will be reaching out to the Greenwich Public Schools to initiate a discussion about energy policy. There have been several inquiries made of the Town on how to move forward.

g. **Legislative:** Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Wasserman advised that this sector will pick-up once the state legislature is back in session.

h. **Other: Letter on Tipping Fees:** Ms. Wasserman will recirculate a proposed letter to First Selectman Camillo on forming an advisory group on tipping fees and Pay As You Throw. Committee members were asked to forward the concurrence with the letter by email. **Website:** Ms. Oberlander reported that Ms. Kaether had been working with Town IT to develop a web page for the Sustainability Committee.

#### 4. Next Steps

The Committee discussed a logo and Ms. Klockenbrink agreed to further develop her proposed design options for consideration.

The Committee agreed that racial justice and equity all need to be part of this Committee's purpose. The Committee will work on expanding representation and agreed to put a discussion on environmental justice on the agenda for the next meeting.

Attendees stated that there was a desire to meet over the summer and set the next meeting date as July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

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Jill K. Oberlander  
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary