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Greenwich Sustainability Committee
December 2, 2021
11:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

1. Minutes
   • Approval of November 4, 2021 meeting minutes

2. Sector Updates: All sectors to provide update and goals for 2022

3. TOG Staffing Request – Discussion and Vote

4. Discussion on Proposed Seal of Approval

5. Review of Committee Statement of Purpose and Guiding Principles

6. Adjourn

Proposed Next Meeting: January 6, 2022, 11 AM

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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

2. **Minutes.** Upon a duly motion made and seconded, the minutes from the November 4, 2021 meeting were approved.

3. **Sector Updates.**
   - **Land and Water** provided by Ms. Klockenbrink. Sector updates including continuing to develop “One Land” articles series; completed pollinator mural and pollinator garden; participation on committee looking at transitioning fossil-fuel powered lawn care on private property and eliminating chemicals on lawns; exploring the possibility of fish ladder on Pomerance Park bridge with the Conservation Commission and Parks & Recreation; successful clean up and invasive shrub removal event at Pomerance Park; report submitted to CT Invasive Plant Species Working Group on Greenwich’s removal efforts in Pomerance Pinetum and Tuchman parks and the Pollinator Pathway site on North Street. 2022 goals include: exploring the feasibility of a pollinator pathway from Pomerance Park to Cos Cob Park; researching the local tree canopy in ways to preserve and extend; continue to make the link between our soils and water; continue to foster Greenwich’s sustainability goals; and make “biodiversity” a household word.
   - **Food Systems** provided by Ms. Ghiorse. Updates include on-going collaboration between the GSC and FSDAC; convened first Food Alliance meeting with local food systems organizations. 2022 goal to continue to convene and grow the food system forum.
   - **Waste Reduction** provided by Ms. DesChamps. Updates include: successful food scrap recycling program, which is continuing to expand; textile recycling program through GRAB, purchased Waste Wizard application for residents to use; and education and outreach events. 2022 goals include: working to get town buildings up to date with recycling; expand food scrap, textile, and other items to recycle, which includes holiday lights, pumpkins, corks, and tennis balls. A new initiative is to implement a Greenwich food waste program with restaurants to continue to pull out food scraps from the food stream, which includes prevention of food waste, donation or rescue, and recycle what's left. Waste Free Greenwich is working with New Lebanon
Elementary School to make a zero-waste cafeteria. Lastly, promoting a waste reduction fair in the future with a repair cafe and advocating for a master plan at Holly Hill Transfer Station.

- **Transportation and Air Quality** provided by Ms. Moch. Sector updates included exploring e-buses for GPS; assisted with the creation of Pedal Greenwich, a bike safety committee; wrote a grant for an East-West bike study; working with the Energy Management Advisory Committee to not duplicate efforts for EV charging infrastructure and e-buses; worked with Greenwich officials to install EV charger in the Town Hall Parking Garage; and working with other sectors on gas-power lawn equipment alternatives.

- **Legislation and Advocacy** provided by Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Wasserman. Updates included working to inform the town on what’s happening on a local, state and in federal level in terms of environmental and sustainable legislation. Members of this sector are also working with the Land and Water sector. Ongoing work includes a nitrogen mitigation plan for LIS and waterways through septic system pump outs and participating in the alternative lawn equipment discussions.

- **Business Sector** provided by Ms. Skverer and Ms. Oberlander. This sector’s goals include engaging businesses and restaurants in sustainable practices; collaborating with the Waste sector to bring to businesses; continuing to refine 2022 goals and seeking new members. This sector expressed desire to see a sustainability seal for businesses.

- **Community Culture** provided by Ms. Cole. Sector updates include regular check-ins with Planning and Zoning’s affordable housing fund; promoted the Cardinal Stadium renovations, bulb planting with Greenscape Committee, a second egress for Greenwich High School, and ADA accessibility. Ms. Alban spoke on efforts by Greenscape Committee. Ms. Cole introduced Elise Hillman Green as a new sector member.

- **Press and Marketing** provided by Ms. Calcano. This sector started last year to support marketing and press around this committee and individual sectors as needed. Previously supported the Pollinator mural, Sustainability Committee “state of sustainability” report and SCT recertification award.

4. **TOG Staff Request – Discussion and vote.** Ms. Oberlander and Ms. Stone McGuigan brought forth staffing request for GSC and EMAC. Committee members provided comments. A motion to pursue EMAC on joint staffing was made by Ms. Cole and seconded by Ms. Oberlander. **Action item:** Ms. Stone McGuigan will reach out to EMAC on joint staffing request at next Board of Selectman’s meeting in December.

5. **Discussion on Proposed Seal of Approval.** Discussion ensued for proposed seal to acknowledge business’s sustainability efforts. Committee members commented on endorsement procedures to certify a business. Members agreed they liked the seal, done by Ms. Klockenbrink. **Action item:** Committee to pursue sustainability seal and approved guidelines at next meeting.

6. **Review of Committee Statement of Purpose and Guiding Principles.** Members agreed to review GSC statement of purpose and guiding principles. **Action items:** Ms. Stone McGuigan to invite Fred Camillo and Lauren Rabin to meetings at least twice a year, as well as to take the lead on next State of Sustainability Report.
7. **Items to be taken up at subsequent meetings:**
   - Create a contact list for the GSC. Can the list from the Community Connection’s newsletter be shared?
   - Quarterly newsletter.
   - Sustainability seal of approval, guidelines, and outreach for seal of approval.
   - State of Sustainability semi-annual Report.
   - Follow up on staffing request to BOS.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6th 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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