

MINUTES – DRAFT

Sustainability Committee Meeting – HYBRID: in person & Zoom

June 2, 2022

Attendance: Committee members: Janet Stone McGuigan, Co-Chair; Patricia Sesto, Co-Chair Margarita Alban; Karyn Calcano; Sarah Coccaro; Ashley Cole; Elizabeth Dempsey; Julie DesChamps; Susan Foster; Myra Klockenbrink; Aleks Moch; Jeff Robertson; Peter Schweinfurth; Joan Seguin; Susan Rudolph; Svetlana Wasserman

Public attendees: Jimena Fernandez

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.
2. **Minutes.** Upon a duly motion made and seconded, the minutes from the May 5, 2022 meeting were approved.
3. Welcome Jimena Fernandez.

Committee members and Ms. Fernandez introduced themselves. MS. Fernandez presented on the urgency of climate resiliency in Greenwich. The Committee unanimously voted to create a new sector, “Climate Resiliency,” led by Ms. Fernandez.

4. **Sector Updates**
 - a. Transportation & Air Quality sector – Ms. Moch requested promotional support and volunteers for the June 18th Electrify Your Life EXPO event.
 - b. Beautification & Enhancement sector – Ms. Foster reported that Ms. Green is working on the local historic designation of the Samuel Ferris House at 1 Cary Road. Ms. Foster reported on a neighborhood meeting for the proposed I-95 work.
 - c. Land & Water sector – Ms. Klockenbrink asked the Committee is the Sustainability Committee and/or sectors of the Committee should have table(s) at Experience the Sound event or proposed to have stations around Greenwich Point with demonstrations.

Action items: Elizabeth to order GSC tablecloth. Ms. DesChamps recommended creating a promotional toolkit for events. If anyone needs flyers, postcards, posters etc. made for any promotional event, please contact Ms. Coccaro.

5. New Businesses/ Next Steps
 - a. Endorsements:
 - i. Zero Waste proposal to BOE – Ms. DesChamps gave short presentation on Zero Waste school proposal and asked for GSC support for implementation. The Committee unanimously voted to endorse the proposal.

Ms. Cole joined the meeting at 12:18pm.

- ii. Quiet Yards Greenwich – Ms. Dempsey sought support of the QYG mission. GSC unanimously endorsed to support the mission.

- b. GHS Climate Resolution – Ms. Stone McGuigan plans to meet with GHS Environmental Action Club students on a “climate resolution”. The Resolution will go before BOS at June meeting and GSC at the July meeting. **Action item:** Ms. Stone McGuigan to ask students if they are interested in helping with GSC sectors over the summer.

- c. Invite State Representative Steve Meskers to July committee meeting to discuss possible climate resiliency funding from State? Meeting format?

Action item: Ms. Stone McGuigan to invite the entire State delegation to the July meeting.

Committee members agreed to keep GSC meetings virtual.

- d. In lieu of August meeting, an Audubon-led bird watch?

Postponed until July.

- e. Reschedule September committee meeting later in the month and design as a strategy session for the upcoming year?

Postponed until July.

Ms. Cole presented on the GHS “Waterfall Project,” co-sponsored with Greenwich Green & Clean. First cleanup day is Saturday, June 18th.

Action items for July meeting:

- Ms. Dempsey to order GSC logo tablecloth.
- Ms. Stone McGuigan to ask students if they are interested in helping with GSC sectors over the summer.
- Ms. Stone McGuigan to invite the entire State delegation to the July meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2022, 11 AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

Sarah Coccaro
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