



TOWN OF GREENWICH

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Greenwich Sustainability Committee September 15, 2022 Town Hall Meeting Room and Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees in person: Pat Sesto (co-chair), Janet Stone McGuigan (co-chair), Ali Ghiorse, Kim Gregory
Attendees on Zoom: Margarita Alban, Elizabeth Dempsey, Rev. Ed Horstmann, Myra Klockenbrink, Lauren Mullen, Jeff Robertson, Peter Schweinfurth, Silvina Skverer, Svetlana Wasserman
(Sarah Coccaro is currently on maternity leave. Congratulations to her and her family on the birth of Oliver!)

1. Called to Order 11:05 am
2. July 7, 2022 meeting minutes approved.
3. Sector Updates
 - Open Space Plan – Pat Sesto gave a brief update on the plan, which was presented to the Board of Selectmen for a first read on September 8. After further reviews it is anticipated to be submitted to the RTM for the October call.
 - Marketing and PR – Karyn Calcano will be stepping down as sector chair and Lauren Mullen will take this role on. Thank you to both for your past and future service! Please reach out to Lauren if you would like to support her in this effort.
 - A climate resolution was passed by the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting on August 11. The committee voted to endorse the resolution in its final form, which was distributed in a prior committee wide email.
 - Peter Schweinfurth reported that EMAC is planning a workshop on NetZero buildings the week of December 5, and this committee will be asked to be a co-sponsor.
 - Elizabeth Dempsey reported on Quiet Yard Greenwich activity.
4. New Business
 - A survey will be sent to the committee to determine if the current meeting time is still optimal or if a new time should be designated. Also on the survey there will be a question if the January 5 meeting date should be moved to later in the month.
 - Kate Petrov was unable to attend the September meeting, but Janet Stone McGuigan reported that she has reached out to the committee to ask if it is interested in partnering on a major speaker event in April to celebrate Earth month. Preliminary ideas were discussed. Volunteers are asked to form a planning group (so far Lauren, Kim, Elizabeth, Myra, Silvina, Janet have raised their hands).
 - Looking ahead, the committee will have a table at the International Coastal Cleanup Day at Greenwich Point on September 17, and committee members are planning to attend the ribbon cutting for “Farmer Joe” the robotic lawn mower in front of Town Hall on September 21.

5. Strategize for the upcoming year:
 - There was a discussion regarding the committee's goals for the upcoming year. The committee's mission is to communicate, educate, collaborate and advocate. An overarching goal is support of the December 2023 Town Climate Plan as described in the climate resolution.
 - Another goal is increased community engagement.
 - This discussion will continue at future meetings.
6. Old Business – there was none.
7. Next Steps – the committee was reminded that it takes guidance from SustainableCT, which has a regular newsletter. Members are encouraged to sign up and attend SustainableCT sponsored events.
8. Adjourned 11:48 am.

Next Meeting: November 3, 2022, 11 AM in the Town Hall Meeting Room and via Zoom

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