

APPROVED MINUTES

Sustainability and Enhancement Committee Meeting

January 16, 2020

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs; Sally Davies, Elizabeth Dempsey, Julie DesChamps, Ali Ghiorse, Myra Klockenbrink, Robert Liflander, Aleksandra Moch, Svetlana Wasserman.

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:10 am
2. Status Updates.

Director Sesto updated the committee on her presentation to the Retired Men's Association on the challenges presented by climate change and the Town's efforts to prepare and respond. She also briefed the Committee on her efforts advocating for a Town Energy Commission, which currently is before the Board of Selectmen and the Representative Town Meeting.

Ms. Wasserman and Ms. Moch provided some insight on the recent CT Environmental Summit.

3. Discussion of Proposed Organizational Flow Chart and Mission Statement Development

Ms. Ghiore and Ms. DesChamps presented a proposal for structuring the work of the Committee, distributing a flow chart dividing the group into 8 different sectors. The sectors include: Buildings and Energy; Water and Land Use; Development; Transportation; Waste Reduction; Food Systems; Beautification & Quality of Life; Education and Outreach. The Committee discussed identifying sector chairs or leads to direct the work of each sector and also queried whether Waste Reduction and Food Systems could be combined.

As the first two next steps, the Committee agreed to (a) identify possible sector leads and other interested parties; and (2) review the POCD and Sustainable CT website to identify projects that fall within each sector. Part of the purpose of the Committee is to develop a matrix of all work being done in town (by both the Town and volunteers/non-profits). The Committee's efforts should be used to support the POCD goals as well as work toward recertification as a Sustainable CT community.

Mr. Liflander, Ms. Klockenbrink and Director Sesto inquired about the Committee's mission / purpose statement as that would guide efforts. Director Sesto suggested some language to consider as the Committee's purpose and stated she would circulate it for consideration. Ms. Ghiore had distributed various options for consideration in drafting a mission statement, as did Ms. Klockenbrink. **The Committee generally agreed that the next meeting would focus on furthering the development of a mission / purpose statement.**

4. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2019 meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. Next meeting: the Committee agreed to try to schedule a meeting for January 30, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



Jill K. Oberlander
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary