

APPROVED MINUTES

Sustainability and Enhancement Committee Meeting

January 30, 2020

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs; Ashley Cole, Julie DesChamps, Ali Ghiorse, Myra Klockenbrink, Aleksandra Moch.

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. Status Updates.

Ms. Oberlander updated the Committee that work was proceeding on a pilot project to install an electric vehicle charging station at the Town Hall public lot. Ms. Oberlander will work with Ms. Moch on next steps. Ms. Oberlander further advised that two members of the Committee with an interest in energy conservation were in discussions about whether to pursue energy tax credits this year. Director Sesto raised the concern that these discussions not conflict with the effort to establish a Town-wide Energy Commission. Director Sesto's concern was duly noted and **it was agreed that further discussion was needed.**

Director Sesto advised the Committee on the First Selectman's budget proposal to implement Pay As You Throw. Ms. DesChamps updated the Committee on the Food Scrap pilot project and fundraising effort underway.

3. Discussion of Statement of Purpose / Mission Statement for Committee

The Committee discussed the versions of the mission statement that had been circulated. Members in attendance generally agreed that the statement could be streamlined. **Ms. Oberlander agreed to try to capture the changes discussed and would distribute a draft to the members in attendance first.** The members further agreed that the Declaration of Sustainability should be aspirational.

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

Members in attendance briefly discussed sub-committee responsibilities as follows:

Energy: Ms. Oberlander will ask Ms. Walsh, Mr. Liflander, Mr. Hoffman, and Mr. Scanlan if they would work together on the Energy Subcommittee.

Water and Land Use: Ms. Klockenbrink agreed to serve on this sub-committee. Ms. Oberlander will ask Ms. Wasserman to join this sub-committee. Ms. Ghiorse plans to meet with Mr. Berg from RTM Land Use about this sub-committee in February.

Development: Open

Transportation: Ms. Moch and Ms. Oberlander agreed to focus on this sub-committee.

Waste Reduction: Ms. DesChamps agreed to lead this sub-committee.

Food Sustainability: Ms. Ghiose agreed to lead this sub-committee.

Beautification and Quality of Life: Ms. Cole agreed to lead this sub-committee.

PR & Outreach: Members agreed that most committee members would serve on this sub-committee and recognized that both Ms. Keller and Ms. Wasserman had indicated an interest in this area as well.

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

No objection was made to the distributed minutes.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2020 at 8 a.m. in the Mazza Room.

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



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Jill K. Oberlander  
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary