

## APPROVED MINUTES

### Sustainability Committee Meeting - VIRTUAL MEETING

February 4, 2021

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Margarita Alban, Chair, Planning & Zoning Commission; Sarah Coccaro; Karyn Calcano; Ashley Cole; Elizabeth Dempsey; Julie DesChamps; Ali Ghiorse; Myra Klockenbrink; JoAnn Messina; Aleksandra Moch; Cheryl Moss; Urling Searle; Allison Walsh (joined at 12:45 pm) and Svetlana Wasserman. Special Guest Giovanna Adams, Sustainable CT Equity Coach. Member of public: John Hilts.

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.
2. **Minutes.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting were approved.
3. **Sustainable CT Equity Project.** Members of the Committee introduced themselves and the role and goals of the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Ghiorse and Ms. Coccaro introduced Sustainable CT Equity Coach Giovanna Adams. Ms. Adams led the Committee in a discussion of the language, purpose and goals of a dialogue around equity. Ms. Adams emphasized the importance of including different voices and identifying who lives in Greenwich and which organizations represent their interests. **Next Steps:** Ms. Coccaro and Ms. Ghiorse will reach out to community stakeholders to begin a dialogue about the Sustainability Committee and equity concerns.
4. **Legislative/Advocacy Update.** Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Wasserman updated the Committee on several legislative items. Ms. Alban advised that there were several housing related bills before the state legislature. Ms. Alban agreed to come to a future Sustainability Committee meeting to provide a more detailed update on these proposals, some of which could have a significant impact on Greenwich.
5. **Discussion of 2021 Priorities.** Ms. DesChamps advised that she has been in contact with Sector Chairs on priorities and will provide more details at the next meeting.
6. **Holdover Issues.** Not discussed due to timing. Note that written status reports are filed with the meeting materials.
7. **New Business/Next Steps.** Ms. Oberlander will reach out to sector chairs prior to the next meeting to identify any issues they would like to include on the next meeting agenda.

The next meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

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Jill K. Oberlander  
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary