

APPROVED MINUTES  
Sustainability and Enhancement Committee Meeting  
February 20, 2020

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs; Ashley Cole, Elizabeth Dempsey, Julie DesChamps, Cheryl Dunson, Ali Ghiorse, Myra Klockenbrink, Svetlana Wasserman.

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. She and Ms. Ghiorse advised the Committee that they met with the Chair of the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission (Margarita Alban) and Planning and Zoning Director (Katie DeLuca) to update them on the work of the Committee.

Director Sesto updated the Committee on the First Selectman's budget proposal to implement Pay As You Throw (PAYT). Director Sesto asked Committee members to support the PAYT public outreach effort by forwarding names of community organizations that the Town should contact. Committee members suggested the garden clubs, Audubon and Greenwich Land Trust and agreed to forward other suggestions.

Ms. Dempsey updated the Committee on efforts at the State level to reduce pesticide usage in Greenwich, including efforts to have a pilot program on MTA property in Greenwich and other Fairfield County waterfront towns.

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

Ms. Ghiorse asked for some additional changes to the Mission Statement and the Committee agreed to take one last look through the distributed draft statement and forward proposed revisions by close of business on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Dunson suggested that "aesthetics" be substituted for beautification and Committee members agreed.

4. Declaration of Sustainability – Discussion

Committee members agreed to review a proposed shortened Declaration of Sustainability and to provide comments before the next meeting.

5. Setting Immediate Goals – Deferred to Next Meeting

6. Minutes

Minutes from the January 30, 2020 meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0-2 (Dunson, Wasserman abstained as they didn't attend that meeting).

Minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Dunson abstained as she did not attend that meeting).

7. New Business – None

8. Next Steps

It was suggested that the Committee would benefit from the input of other Town Departments, including the Department of Public Works. Ms. Oberlander agreed to reach out to the Public Works Commissioner and also ask whether a representative from Planning and Zoning would like to participate on the Committee. Ms. Oberlander will confirm with Director Sesto that she is the liaison to the Conservation Commission.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2020 at 8 a.m. in the Mazza Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Jill K. Oberlander  
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary