

MINUTES – APPROVED

Sustainability Committee Meeting – VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON MEETING

March 3, 2022

Attendance: Committee members: Patricia Sesto, Co-chair; Janet Stone McGuigan, Co-Chair; Margarita Alban; Karyn Calcano; Fred Camillo; Sarah Coccaro; Ashley Cole; Elizabeth Dempsey; Julie DesChamps; Susan Foster; Elise Green; Ali Ghiorse; Myra Klockenbrink; JoAnn Messina; Aleksandra Moch; Peter Schweinfurth; Urling Searle; Joan Seguin; Silvia Skverer.

Members of the public: Jeff Robertson; Ani Widham.

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.
2. Moment of Silence for Ukraine
3. **Minutes.** Upon a duly motion made and seconded, the minutes from the February 3, 2022 meeting were approved with scribe's edit.
4. Updated **State of Sustainability Report** next steps
 - a. Board of Selectman agenda item, press release, new format for next report, update frequency and real time updates

Ms. Stone McGuigan updated the Committee on the status of the State of Sustainability Report. Discussion ensued around presenting to the Board of Selectmen (BoS) and the issuance of a press release to coincide with earth month celebrations in April. Ms. Calcano volunteered to present the Report to the BoS at the April 14th meeting. **Action item:** Stone McGuigan to submit State of Sustainability Report as agenda item for the April 14 BoS meeting. Ms. DesChamps will form a subcommittee to address questions that have come up regarding the frequency and format of the next report.

5. **Sector Updates:**
 - a. Business sector

Ms. Skverer presented on the status of the business sector's efforts to engage golf and boat clubs with sustainable business practices through a survey. **Action items:** Committee members to help with club connections. Ms. Skverer to follow up with Ms. Moch's Planning and Zoning reports that indicate golf/boat club standards for existing sustainable practices.

6. **Endorsement Considerations:**
 - a. Greenwich Food System Forum 2022

Ms. Coccaro presented on the GFSF. The Committee endorsed the forum, agreed to be a community partner, and will help with promotion.

- b. Greenwich Food Matters Challenge

Ms. DesChamps presented on the GFMC. The Committee endorsed the Challenge, agreed to be a community partner and will help with promotion.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. Town social media policy

Ms. Stone McGuigan updated the Committee on the Town social media policy. Ms. Calcano volunteered to take on the social media platform for the Committee and return with an update.

8. **New Business/ Next Steps:**

- a. Outreach to RTM Land Use Committee – Ms. Ghiorse recommended the Sustainability Committee introduce themselves or have semi-regular check-ins with the RTM Land Use Committee. Discussion ensued to also include other RTM committees.
- b. Interested committee members to meet with Sustainable Westport- Ms. DesChamps connected with Sustainable Westport. **Action item:** Committee members to contact Ms. DesChamps if interested in meeting Sustainable Westport team.
- c. Ms. Stone McGuigan reaching out to community partners – **Action item:** Committee members to contact Ms. Stone McGuigan with recommendations for “meet and greet” opportunities among other commissions, agencies, or committees.
- d. Tour of Bruce Museum – **Action item:** Ms. Stone McGuigan to contact Bruce Museum staff to arrange a tour for Committee members.
- e. Representation on Reimagine Greenwich – Ms. Stone McGuigan updated the Committee on opportunities for synergies.
- f. Other ideas:
 - i. Calendar- **Action item:** Ms. Seguin asked that committees share events on their sector reports.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 11am via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM

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