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Sustainability Committee Meeting – HYBRID: in person & Zoom
May 5, 2022

Attendance: Committee members: Janet Stone McGuigan, Co-Chair; Margarita Alban; Fred Camillo, Sarah Coccaro; Ashley Cole; Elizabeth Dempsey; Julie DesChamps; Susan Foster; Ali Ghiorse; Myra Klockenbrink; Aleks Moch; Cheryl Moss; Laurin Rabin, Peter Schweinfurth; Urling Searle; Joan Seguin; Susan Rudolph; Svetlana Wasserman

Public attendees: Jason Klein, Rye Brook Mayor; Bridgette Dix, Rye Brook Sustainability Committee; Jeff Robertson; Kim Gregory; Scott Kalb

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. Welcome Rye Brook Major Jason Klein and Sustainability Committee Chair Bridgette Dix

   Greenwich Sustainability Committee members introduced themselves to the visitors from Rye Brook.

3. Minutes. Upon a duly motion made and seconded, the minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved.

4. Sector Updates

   - Food System sector – Ms. Ghiorse reported on the second Greenwich Food System Forum panel last night and gave a summary of the presentation. The next Greenwich Food Alliance meeting will be May 20th. Ms. Coccaro advertised the third panel on June 1st on “Cultivating Connecticut Grown by Sea”.
   - Transportation & Air Quality sector – Ms. Moch reported on two upcoming events: “Ecological Landscaping” webinar on May 12th and “E-Expo” EV, E-landscaping and E-bikes event on June 18th.
   - Land & Water sector – Ms. Klockenbrink reported on the Pollinator Pathway mural ribbon cutting ceremony and current liaison efforts with GCDS, P&R, Friends of PPT, and Trout Unlimited.
   - Waste Reduction sector – Ms. DesChamps – reported on the Live Like Luke beach cleanup success, and upcoming #ReThink Waste Fair and Household Hazardous Waste Fair, both on Saturday, May 7th. Also, the Food Matters Challenge selected seven restaurants to participate.
   - Legislative & Advocacy sector – Ms. Dempsey reported that the CT legislation session ended with victories in climate and air quality bills. Ms. Wasserman gave an update on Quiet Yards Greenwich.
   - Energy Management Advisory Committee – Mr. Schweinfurth – reported that EMAC is working with P&Z on new building regulations and recently held a public event.
Fred Camillo joined the meeting

- Guests from Rye Brook, NY, discussed programs through their Sustainability Committee, which included healthy yards, food waste diversion from restaurants, pollinator corridors, seasonal leaf blower ban, and storm water management education.

5. Old Businesses

a. April 26 P&Z decision on Mead Point
   Ms. Stone McGuigan gave a shout out to Ms. Klockenbrink for her written and verbal testimony at the P&Z hearing.

b. Endorsement – three environmentally-related CT bills
   Ms. Stone McGuigan confirmed the committee endorsed three environmental bills via email.

   Ms. Stone McGuigan mentioned a public hearing on affordable housing plan May 10th.

c. Please sign up for a Bruce Museum tour if you are interested.

6. New Business/Next Steps

a. Conservation Caboodle May calendar – no updates
c. Organize September committee meeting as a retreat? – not discussed
d. Action items for June meeting:
   i. Discuss how the committee plans to meet moving forward.
   ii. Greenwich Audubon has offered to give a tour in August or September.
   iii. Ms. Alban to present sustainable landscape regulations.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022, 11 AM in the Town Hall Cone Room and via Zoom

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.

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Sarah Coccaro
Conservation Resource Manager