APPROVED MINUTES

Sustainability and Enhancement Committee Meeting - VIRTUAL MEETING

May 28, 2020

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs; Ashley Cole, Elizabeth Dempsey, Julie DesChamps, Ali Ghiorse, James Hoffman, Myra Klockenbrink, Aleksandra Moch, Cheryl Moss, Urling Searle, Svetlana Wasserman.

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

2. Minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved Minutes from the May 7, 2020 meeting, as amended to reflect Ms. DesChamps’ comments.

3. Status Updates: Sector Chairs reported as follows:
   
a. **Food Systems**: Ms. Ghiorse reviewed the Sustainable CT materials and would recommend looking into a Food Policy Council and a Greenwich Food Systems Network. This approach is aligned with the Green Village initiative in Bridgeport and can also bridge urban growers with land owners.

   b. **Waste Reduction**: Ms. Wasserman updated the Committee on the RTM meeting and the request made to the First Selectman to put together an Advisory Committee to evaluate tipping fees. Ms. Wasserman will circulate a proposed recommendation letter to the First Selectman encouraging establishment of this Committee.

   Ms. DesChamps updated the Committee on the food scraps and textile recycling projects. She advised that the Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board and Waste-Free Greenwich was working with the Department of Environmental Affairs to establish a list of priorities for Town Hall waste reduction. They will brief First Selectman Camillo and Building Superintendent Al Monelli and report back.

   c. **Transportation**: Ms. Moch reported that she was compiling her sector participants and they would be working on electric school buses, electric vehicle charging stations, and various air quality improvement initiatives.

   d. **Beautification/Enhancement**: Ms. Cole reported that the Planning & Zoning Greenscape Committee was working to design pocket parks along the Post Road. They will be considering traffic circles and tree sponsorships. The Committee queried how best to influence the process.
e. **Water and Land Use.** Ms. Klockenbrink reported on her effort to start a friends group for the Pomerance / Tuchman property.

f. **Legislative / Advocacy.** Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Wasserman raised the question of how best to exercise influence. They will start to develop a program to educate Committee and RTM members about environmental policy and issues under discussion at the Town and State level.

In other updates, Ms. Oberlander informed the Committee about Pedal Greenwich and encouraged members to go for a bike ride and post photos.

4. Attendees stated that there was a desire to meet in three weeks and Selectperson Oberlander agreed to arrange a call.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Jill K. Oberlander
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary