1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

2. **Minutes.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the August 20, 2020 meetings were approved.

3. **Status Updates.** Committee members provided updates on the sector activities as follows:

   a. **Food Sustainability:** Ms. Ghiorse presented on discussions occurring throughout the state level on regenerative agriculture, food justice and other initiatives tied to a sustainable food network.

   b. **Waste Diversion / Reduction:** Ms. DesChamps updated the Committee on textile recycling efforts. In August, just over 4,000 pounds of textiles were collected, yielding approximately $400 for Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board’s education and outreach programs. The food scrap recycling program is collecting about 1 ton per week and Waste Free Greenwich is working on a survey to analyze participant experience.

   Upon a motion made by Ms. Moch and seconded by Ms. Cole, members of the Sustainability Committee voted unanimously to join a public campaign encouraging the use of reusable wares.

   Ms. Moss updated the Committee on the status of the First Selectman’s Committee on waste and tipping fees. Ms. Moss stated that she and Mike Basham were asked to co-chair this committee and that representatives from the RTM and haulers have been asked to participate. She stated that everything will be on the table for discussion and they are looking at whether Greenwich can increase its recycling to 60% of the waste-stream. The committee hopes to have a final report to present to the RTM at its March 2021 meeting. Ms. Walsh noted that it is important to have participation of Town staff to both benefit from their expertise and to have their support for recommended solutions.

   Ms. Sesto requested meeting notices be sent to her to allow her to sit in, to which Ms. Moss committed to do.

   c. **Transportation.** Ms. Moch reported on the Transportation / Air Quality sector initiatives, including the location of no-idling signs and embedding electric vehicle
charging stations in the zoning regulations for new multi-family developments. Ms. Moch shared a video on the success of the bike-safety training day held on September 12th at the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center. Approximately 50 elementary aged children participated. Bicycle and helmet donations were utilized for this COVID-safe program. Upcoming sector efforts include working with a consultant to help identify a bike path within Greenwich.

d. **Enhancement:** Ms. Cole reported that she did not have any additional updates on the Route 1/Chestnut Hill project, but that more information was expected over the next few weeks. Ms. Cole has applied to participate in the High School Security Vestibule building committee.

e. **Water and Land Use:** Update deferred to next meeting in the interest of time.

f. **Energy:** Ms. Oberlander reported that the Town Administrator and First Selectman Camillo were meeting to determine a path forward on energy issues.

g. **Legislative:** No update.

4. **Discussion on Energy Commission.**

Ms. Sesto presented an alternative to the Energy Commission in the form of an Energy Committee. The Energy Commission, while a clear first choice, is a longer lead item given the time needed for RTM review and approval and the appointment of members. An energy committee, which could be formed by the Board of Selectmen, could get started faster. **The Committee agreed to revisit this discussion at the next meeting.**

5. **Letter dated August 13, 2020 to CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on rejection of Material Innovation and Recycling Authority’s (“MIRA”) Annual Plan of Operations**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted to endorse the principles contained in the referenced letter. **Next Steps:** Ms. Sesto, Ms. Moch and Ms. DesChamps will reach out to members of the Board of Selectmen to educate them on the issues and ask them to endorse the principles contained in the letter at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting. This topic will be raised for discussion at the next meeting of the Sustainability Committee.

6. **Presentation to Conservation Commission.**

The Committee agreed to delay this until later this fall. Ms. Sesto advises the Commission on the work of the Committee at its monthly meetings.

7. **Next Steps**
a. Ms. Klockenbrink shared additional options for the Committee logo. **Ms. Klockenbrink will circulate a final version for a vote by email.**

b. Holdover: The Committee agreed that racial justice and equity all need to be part of this Committee’s purpose. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

c. Holdover: update on Town Hall’s waste reduction plans.

d. Adoption of a written Sustainability Plan. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

e. Next meeting: The Committee agreed to meet more frequently to address some of these larger issues. The next two meetings are: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 10 a.m.; and Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 11 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Jill K. Oberlander
Co-Chair & Recording Secretary