FINAL MINUTES

Sustainability Committee Meeting – VIRTUAL MEETING

December 10, 2020

Attendance: Jill Oberlander, Committee Chair; Pat Sesto, Committee Co-Chair; Sarah Coccaro; Elizabeth Dempsey; Ali Ghiorse; Myra Klockenbrink; Aleksandra Moch; Cheryl Moss; Uring Searle; Svetlana Wasserman; Allison Walsh; Margarita Alban, P&Z Commission Chair

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. **Minutes:** Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Moch and seconded by Ms. Dempsey, the minutes from the November 19th, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. **Sustainable CT Project Support:** Ms. Sesto expressed her delight in reading through the sector reports to see how each group was assisting with Sustainable CT (SCT) action items. Ms. Sesto stated that January 1, 2021, SCT will unveil new numbering and formalize changes to action items.
   - **Equity Issues:** Ms. Coccaro and Ms. Ghiorse met with Giovanna Adams, a SCT equity coach assigned to Greenwich. Ms. Adams recommended the GSC craft a ‘Letter of Intent’ to send to stakeholders in town that will focus on three topics: 1. To notify and inform stakeholders who we are; 2. The GSC wants to be a diverse and equitable committee and we’re looking for “bridge-builders” to connect people to our committee; and 3. To have a facilitated dialogue by an equity coach, with stakeholders to craft a collaborative Town equity statement. Discussion ensued on the Committee regarding Ms. Oberlander’s visit to the Diversity Advisory Committee, which committee should lead the town in crafting an equity statement, and the purpose of achieving diversity and equity on the GSC. **Next steps: Ms. Coccaro and Ms. Ghiorse to work with Ms. Sesto and Ms. Oberlander to finish the Letter of Intent, which will then be shared with the Committee. Ms. Coccaro and Ms. Ghiorse to invite Ms. Adams to our second January 2021 meeting. Date TBD.**
   
   Ms. Oberlander left the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

4. **CCSMM and GC3 Update -**
   a. Ms. Sesto, Ms. Ghiorse, and Ms. Moss shared updates from their respective CCSMM working groups. Ms. Sesto reported on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) working group. Of note, Ms. Sesto discussed the funding of many municipal materials management programs are unsustainable, such as propane tanks, which should be removed from the waste stream but have no, or limited, recovery programs. Legislation is needed to enact new EPR programs. Ms. Ghiorse reported on the food scraps/organics collection working group, focusing on removing organics from the municipal waste stream. Ms. Moss reported on the waste management working group, focusing on the financial challenges with diverting organics from the waste system.
   b. There was no GC3 update provided.

5. **Status Updates:** Written reports were submitted in advance of the meeting.
   a. **Sustainability Plan:** This item was not discussed.
   b. **Outreach:** Ms. Dempsey continues to look for names of potential community members and organizations to build an email list for future correspondence. **Next steps: Committee**
members to send Ms. Dempsey names and organizations for community correspondence list.

c. **Public relations**: This item was not discussed.

Ms. Alban left the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

0. **New Business/Next Steps**: In addition to the items referenced above:
   a. Everyone to have a healthy, waste free, and sustainable holiday.
   b. The proposed next meeting is: Thursday, January 7\textsuperscript{th} at 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.