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SUSTAINABLE CT COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 7:00 P.M. - TOWN HALL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The February 26, 2020 Sustainable CT Committee meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandra Pierog, at 7:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Sandra Pierog; Planning & Zoning Commission Representative Arlene Fiano; Energy Committee Representative Richard Dziadul; Board of Education Representative Anne Decker; At-Large Members Stanley Staron, Kitty Tyrol, Alyssa McDonnell, and Jennifer Cyr; Director of Community Development Patrice Carson; and Administrator Joshua Steele Kelly.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Historian John Toomey and Jane Loda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3A & 3B – Report from members about actions taken that may be awarded points through the Sustainable CT certification program, as well as future items to be completed by the Town for Sustainable CT certification points.

DISCUSSION: Pierog thanked everyone who came to the FOIA presentation on Monday, February 24th. 28 People attended, and the action will be submitted to Sustainable CT for points.

McDonnell stated that she contacted individuals at URI to find out if the Town can use the materials they have created pertaining to water quality as part of a town water quality campaign, and permission was granted. It was agreed that Kelly will send McDonnell information about who to contact at Sustainable CT with questions to find out if we will need to conduct major overhauls on the materials in question in order to have it all count for points.

Cyr stated that she had attended a webinar about organic food waste, specifically anaerobic digesters. Kelly will conduct more research into the subject.

Kelly explained his work to-date on 7.2, which pertains to the ways in which the Town communicates with its residents. Feedback was given by committee members to Kelly, all of which will be incorporated in his final submission to Sustainable CT.

Decker stated that she found documentation pertaining to Bolton High School's status as a LEED certified school, and she gave that documentation to town staff. This completes action

6.3.2. She went on to address item 3.4 and listed a number of different offerings that are currently provided by the town. Suggestions were offered by other committee members about what recent or near-future programs may count for points in that category. The recent Family Fun Day painting event was offered as a possibility.

Dziadul talked about the site walk conducted on February 25th with the Green Bank at Bolton High School as a means for reviewing the site for potential solar installations. Pierog suggested that the energy audit (item 6.2) might be financially doable in the very near future. Dziadul stated that item 6.1 would be completed soon, but he needed more time to work on it.

Staron reminded Kelly that the sustainable purchasing policies still need to be reviewed by town staff and the Board of Selectmen. Kelly suggested that the item be reviewed by the Board at their March 10th Finance & Administration Subcommittee meeting.

Loda asked if the SMART trash program would be reviewed. Kelly stated that it was a possibility, but that no one had yet claimed it as an item on which they would focus. Loda suggested that she and Alexa Loda may be willing to help review that item.

Ideas for matching grants (item 10.2) were discussed. Kelly pitched the idea of developing a community garden at Indian Notch Park. Pierog suggested the committee look into installing an electric vehicle charging station. Locations were discussed, both on public and private property. Paved walkways near the schools were discussed.

Fiano asked what 300th Anniversary events may count towards points in the Sustainable CT program, to which Carson stated that she hoped Build & Bloom in Bolton on April 25th may be used as an equity toolkit item.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Set next meeting date.

DISCUSSION: As per the decision of the committee at their January special meeting, the next meeting had already been set for March 25, 2020.

CONSENSUS was reached that the subsequent April meeting would be set for April 22, 2020.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kelly', written in a cursive style.

Joshua Steele Kelly, Administrator

See minutes of subsequent meetings for approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.