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SUSTAINABLE CT COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020 7:00 P.M. - VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The March 25, 2020 Sustainable CT Committee meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Sandra Pierog; Energy Committee Representative Richard Dziadul; Conservation Commission Representative Rod Parlee; 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: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Discussion on Sustainable CT Action Items.

DISCUSSION: Kelly welcomed all and asked Carson to kick off the meeting with an update about how Sustainable CT is reacting to the COVID-19 health emergency. Carson stated that Sustainable CT is not currently looking to extend their deadlines, but they are providing a form of relief by allowing applicants to the program in 2021 to have an extra year of look-back count towards their action item points. Tyrol inquired about equity actions, and Carson and Kelly explained that their current target for an equity toolkit, Build & Bloom in Bolton, is likely going to be postponed due to health concerns.

Conversation turned to webinars, and Carson and Kelly told all members that they should keep track of webinars attended and submit information about it to town staff.

Dziadul and Kelly presented information about the potential solar installation to go in at Bolton High School.

Parlee shared information about Conservation Commission events that were supposed to be upcoming, but may be postponed or cancelled based on health conditions in April. Parlee also brought up pushing ahead with the water quality testing initiative that was discussed at prior meetings. Kelly noted that any committee members are welcome to make use of the Zoom account to connect with each other about these projects going forward.

McDonnell asked if there were any glaring holes in the town's prospective application, to which it was noted that Section 8, regarding equitable housing, is difficult to accomplish given

Bolton's demographics and physical structures. Tyrol volunteered her help to move an item under Section 8 forward.

Parlee asked if the committee could move the matter of a complete streets policy forward, to which it was noted that it could likely not be completed before the 2020 due date. There was tentative agreement that the policy could be developed and potentially enacted before the 2021 filing deadline.

Tyrol brought up 4.7, which asks towns to appoint a disaster recovery point-person. Given the current circumstances, it was agreed that adopting such a measure would be timely. It was agreed that Kelly would look into the policy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joshua Steele Kelly, Administrator

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