



# Sustainable Bethel Commission

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting  
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT 06801  
Meeting Room A

**Present:** Chair Kathryn Hebert, Gabriela Hernandez, Dana Dessereaux, Tia Murphy and Peter Schenkman attended in-person. Katie Troy and Kelly Coladarci attended via Google Meet.

**Absent:** Suneetha Malkani

Kathryn Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Public Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Chairman Comments:**

- Some members of the Commission attended the FOI training hosted by the Town of Bethel on 2/5/2024
- K. Hebert is working on a Strategic Plan for the Sustainable Bethel (SB) Commission which should be ready by next week
- Would like to continue to use surveys. Question asked whether SB can do it on their own or does it have to go through the Town?
- Tiffany Carlson, from the Food Scrap Program, met with members of Bethel's Chamber of Commerce to give a presentation on the program

**Consideration of approval of January 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes:**

Motion made by G. Hernandez and seconded by T. Murphy, to accept the minutes from January 17, 2024 as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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**Planning Committee Report:**

T. Murphy reported the committee continues to work on the action items and is currently waiting to receive information from several Town departments.

**Walk Audit:** G. Hernandez said the route will be from Stony Hill Road/Old Hawleyville Rd down to Weed Road. Working on selecting the check-in points. Business names and addresses in that area have been compiled. Question posed as to whether or not to offer sponsorship opportunities to local businesses. Discussion ensued. Letters and/or emails will be sent to the businesses to inform them of the walk audit.

**Sustainable CT certification:** If anyone would like to collect and upload information into the application, it would be welcomed.

**Commissioner Reports:**

K. Troy: Earth Day events to be held on April 20, 2024. They are looking for volunteers. There will be games and various ways for businesses to participate. Planning on giving out saplings.

P. Schenkman: EV Charging. No update at this time.

K. Hebert: Solar. S. Malkani is currently out of the country. There is interest from residents re: solar energy.

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A

**Adjourn:**

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by D. Dessereaux, to adjourn at 8:07pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary