



Sustainable Bethel Commission

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 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, Peter Schenkman, Suneetha Malkani, and Katie Troy attended in-person. Tia Murphy and Kelly Coladarci attended via Google Meet.

Kathryn Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments: Billy Michael 27.5 Fleetwood Avenue

Correspondence: None

Chairman Comments:

- Article “7th Generation Principle” detailed how decisions we make now can impact 7 generations from now
- Fashion Exchange Project that connects fashion and sustainability
- Takes part in HRRA Task Force which meets monthly
- SCORE is a national organization dedicated to helping small businesses form and grow
- The pilot Food Scrap Program is going well.
- Regional Repair Café

Consideration of Approval - Slate of Officers:

- **Chairman – Kathryn Hebert**
- **Vice Chairman – Gabriela Hernandez**
- **Secretary – Tia Murphy**

As no other nominations were made, motion made by D. Dessereaux, and seconded by P. Schenkman, to approve the slate of officers as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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Consideration of Approval – March 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes:

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by D. Dessereaux, to approve the minutes as written from the March 20, 2024 meeting. Vote: S. Malkani and K. Troy abstained, all the rest of the commission was in favor. Motion carries.

Planning Committee Report:

T. Murphy stated the meeting on March 26, 2024 was not held due to a lack of quorum. The sub-committee's next meeting is April 30, 2024 in Meeting Room A at 9:30am. K. Troy has stepped down from being a member of the sub-committee.

- **Walk Audit (5/18/24):** G. Hernandez stated police presence has been secured. Will continue to promote the event through Social Media for more involvement.
- **Sustainable CT certification (8/20/24):** Spring Into Summer 2024 Event on June 11, 2024 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at Wickham Park in Manchester.

Commissioner Reports:

Earth Day events to be held on April 20, 2024. There will be 20 booths, children's games, a food truck, and popcorn from Parks/Rec. So far, 2 high school students have volunteered to help.

EV Charging: Sent out an RFI and the information is due back on 4/19/2024. This will be summarized and given to the commissioners and the First Selectman.

Solar: Would like to bring in vendors to discuss possibilities with residents re: solar. A questionnaire has been developed for vendors to fill out. S. Malkani has written a press release and will forward to K. Hebert for feedback.

Pollinator Pathways: The point of pollinator pathways is to move toward native plants. Looking for a list of town owned properties.

Survey: Would like to use a survey to get feedback from residents. Suggestion made to use Google Forms and perhaps have this available to fill out at Earth Day events.

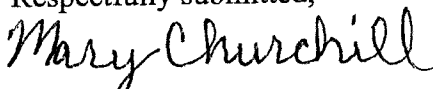
Other Business: G. Hernandez wanted to thank the Bethel Lion's Club who helped to organize the sapling pick-up.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room B

Adjourn:

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by S. Malkani, to adjourn at 7:50pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary