



Sustainable Bethel Commission
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 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 and Gabriela Hernandez attended in-person. Tia Murphy (left the meeting at 7:45pm), Katie Troy, and Dana Dessereaux attended via Google Meet.

Absent: Kelly Coladarci, Suneetha Malkani, Peter Schenkman

Kathryn Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Chairman Comments Highlights:

- There is now a Community Calendar on the Town of Bethel’s website to publicize events.
- Hope to have Bronze certification from Sustainable CT by the fall
- Takes part in HRRA Task Force which meets monthly
- SCORE, a national organization dedicated to helping small businesses form and grow, sponsored a five-week workshop on how to start your own business
- The Town of Bethel will be starting a Charter Revision process soon.
- Talk of a Regional Repair Café partnering with Henry Abbott Tech. School

Planning Committee Report:

T. Murphy stated the meeting on May 30, 2024 was not held due to a lack of quorum. Perhaps Planning Committee meetings are not necessary as each member has a task to complete which can be done independently and submitted. Discussion ensued. Decision to suspend meetings at this point.

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Walk Audit (5/18/24): G. Hernandez stated she is writing up the report and will then work on the narrative and review with the Fellows from Sustainable CT.

Sustainable CT certification (8/15/2024): K. Hebert stated they hope to have the application for Bronze certification submitted to Sustainable CT within the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Reports:

Earth Day: K. Troy stated the event is growing. Hours for the event seemed to work well. The commission discussed some suggestions for the Earth Day event next year which will be held the weekend of April 26, 2025.

There was a lack of quorum at this point so no other substantive business was conducted.

EV Charging: K. Hebert stated International EV Charging Company may be coming to Bethel.

Solar: K. Hebert stated S. Malkani is working with the library to create a solar panel in the fall.

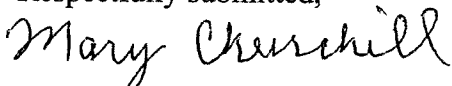
Pollinator Pathways: Suggestion made to see if National Pollinator Pathways can join the commission's Earth Day events in April, 2025.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary