



Sustainable Bethel Commission

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 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, Katie Troy, Dana Dessereaux, and Krista Swanson-Fiorini attended in-person. Tia Murphy attended via Google Meet (left the meeting at 8:24pm)

Absent: Peter Schenkman, Suneetha Malkani, and Kelly Coradarci

Kathryn Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Public Comments: Billy Michael 27.5 Fleetwood Avenue
Cynthia McCorkindale 19 Elgin Avenue

Correspondence: None

Guest Speaker – Bethel Arts – Update Sculpture Installation:

Patricia Voorhees, secretary of the board, presented the information for launching a yearlong sculpture exhibit. This will include 7 contracted artists to put their sculptures on platforms around downtown (4 on Municipal Center lawn, 3 on Library property). The launch date will be Earth Day (April 26, 2025). Discussion ensued.

Consideration of approval of the regular meeting minutes from 1/15/2025:

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by D. Dessereaux, to approve the regular meeting minutes, as written, from 1/15/2025. Vote, all in favor. K. Swanson-Fiorini abstained. Motion carries.

Chairman Report:

- Introduction of newest member Krista Swanson-Fiorini
- Went over the purpose of this Commission
- EV charging plan is moving forward
- In March, there will be a presentation on Solar4All
- Friend of Parks & Recreation will be at a meeting in April
- Continuing to advance the Main Street Accelerator Program

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- Opportunity to install a 23'x6' indoor P.T. Barnum mural at town hall
- Repair Café, run by HRRA, found a location at the Disabled American Veterans in Danbury and is hoping for an opening for the Fall
- Having a meeting with a mobile recycling company on Friday

Commissioner Reports:

Earth Day: G. Hernandez is still reaching out to vendors. Met with GoNetSpeed for funding/sponsors. Spoke to Tiffany at HRRA about needing a spokesperson to talk about the food scrap program. K. Troy is trying to come up with a lawn sign design.

Solar/ Battery Storage: There will be a presentation next month for Solar4All.

West Conn Student Steward Project Collaboration: Feedback was given on the proposal. Have to solidify the desired outcome. Proposal should be finalized by April.

Senior Homelessness: No updates at the time.

CT 250 year: First Selectman Dan Carter will be putting together a team.

Other Business:

G. Hernandez will be presenting the walk audit summary report to the Board of Selectmen on March 18, 2025.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A

Motion made by K. Swanson-Fiorini, and seconded by G. Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Kasey Galbis

Recording Secretary