



**Sustainable Bethel Commission**  
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, November 20, 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, Kelly Coladarci, Suneetha Malkani, Katie Troy, and Dana Dessereaux (arrived at 7:04pm) attended in-person. Tia Murphy and Peter Schenkman attended via Google Meet. Peter Schenkman left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Kathryn Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Public Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Consideration of approval of the regular meeting minutes from 10/16/2024:**  
Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by S. Malkani, to approve the regular meeting minutes, as written, from 10/16/2024. Vote: P. Schenkman abstained; all the rest voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of Approval – 2025 Meeting Schedule for Sustainable Bethel Commission:**

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by K. Coladarci, to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by K. Hebert, and seconded by G. Hernandez, to add to the agenda the consideration of cancelling the regular meeting of the Sustainable Bethel Commission on 12/18/2024. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of cancelling the regular meeting of the Sustainable Bethel Commission on 12/18/2024:**

Motion made by K. Troy, and seconded by K. Coladarci, to cancel the regular meeting of the Sustainable Bethel Commission scheduled for 12/18/2024. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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**Chairman Report:**

- Working on putting together a newsletter
- Guest speakers are being scheduled. The first one will be in January, 2025 to discuss battery storage.
- 2 vacancies on this Commission
- Working on a project with EDC: Innovation Hub
- Open Space Activation
- CEO of Hart Transit has resigned. May be an opportunity for change. Perhaps adding micro-transit vans.
- Looking for a new space for a Repair Café
- EDC having an event at Kind Works in Bethel on 1/21/2025. Maybe SB Commission could have a table there.
- Town is looking to acquire the Stony Hill Preserve
- New app. regarding reducing food waste: Too Good To Go

**Commissioner Reports:**

**Sustainable CT certification:** K. Hebert stated the Commission was awarded Bronze certification.

**Earth Day:** K. Troy is continuing to reach out to see who would like to be involved.

**EV Charging:** K. Hebert stated the First Selectman is waiting for a contract to install the EV Chargers at 4 locations instead of the original 5 locations. There is no room to install one at the library's parking lot.

**Solar:** S. Malkani stated there were two residents who expressed interest in solar after the presentations.

**West Conn Student Steward Project Collaboration:**

No update at this time.

**Senior Homelessness:**

K. Coladarci stated the group will be meeting again in January, 2025. The challenge is to identify who and where this demographic is.

**Bethel Arts:**

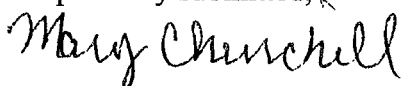
K. Hebert said Bethel Arts put out the call for artists who may be interested in displaying a piece at the Sculpture Exhibits that will be launched on Earth Day, April 26, 2025.

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A

Motion made by D. Dessereaux, and seconded by K. Coladarci, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary