



Sustainable Bethel Commission
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 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, Peter Schenkman, Katie Troy, and Dana Dessereaux attended in-person. Tia Murphy, Suneetha Malkani, and Kelly Coladarci attended via Google Meet. First Selectman Carter joined the meeting at 8:00pm as an ex-officio member.

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

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

Correspondence: None

Presentation by POWR2:

POWR2 is a company headquartered in Bethel. The presentation included, among other items, the benefits of energy storage and the applications of the product that are found around the globe and in disaster relief sites. There are no residential applications at this point. After the presentation, discussion ensued.

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by D. Dessereaux, to add to the agenda the election of officers for the Sustainable Bethel Commission. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Election of Officers:

G. Hernandez nominated K. Hebert for Chair. No other nominations were made. Vote, all in favor. K. Hebert will remain as Chair.

D. Dessereaux nominated G. Hernandez for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Vote, all in favor. G. Hernandez will remain as Vice Chair.

G. Hernandez nominated T. Murphy for Secretary. No other nominations were made. Vote, all in favor. T. Murphy will remain as Secretary.

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Consideration of approval of the regular meeting minutes from 11/20/2024:

Motion made by D. Dessereaux, and seconded by G. Hernandez, to approve the regular meeting minutes, as written, from 11/20/2024. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Chairman Report:

- Working on vacancies on the Sustainable Bethel Commission
- Working on a newsletter
- Ongoing conversations regarding a project with EDC: Innovation Hub
- Third Space- in conjunction with the Friends of Parks and Recreation, may be able to apply for Community Match Funds
- Main Street Accelerator Program-which would promote the downtown area

Commissioner Reports:

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

Solar/ Battery Storage: No updates on solar at this time. Just had presentation on battery storage.

West Conn Student Steward Project Collaboration: No updates at this time

Senior Homelessness:

K. Coladarci will be reaching out to the Bethel Housing Authority

CT 250 year:

Big things will be happening around the State in 2026 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our independence from England.

Other Business: None

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

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by D. Dessereaux, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill

Recording Secretary