

**Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2023**

**Clinton Town Hall Land Use
Office 6:30 p.m.**

Present:

Brett Martin
Tania Abbatello
Eric Bergman
Abby Piersall
Matthew Granfield
Sue Connell

Not Present:

Hugh Birdsall
Erin Linsay

The meeting was called to order AT 6:28pm

Richard Pleines was visiting.

New members, Brett Martin and Sue Connell were introduced.

Eric reported that Abby, Brett, and he met last week. They discussed mid June for goal of attaining the bronze designation in August.

Eric is doing the Equity Toolkit background work with the Spanish-speaking members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Abby reported that we need 200 points, 10 of which come from equity. She created a spreadsheet that compares the actions from our last attempt that compares it with what's required this August.

It was decided the best course of action would be to divide up the list and assign each number to members. It was discussed that we need to better define the action for the equity toolkit. Abby explained that the current application is set back to zero but the old one is in there for reference. She and Eric will work on getting log in for the new members to be contributors and take off any old members. Abby also informed us that she has a folder that we can put all documentation in for uploading.

We will be prioritizing high point actions. Abby used the Brownfield sites as an example to the group.

Eric will be doing items 1 and 2.

Tania will assist with the Inventory and Promote Local Goods and Services (2.3.1 a and b) by doing the map.

Sue will contact Nick Webb and Brett is interested in item 3. Brett knows old Saybrook contact for invasive species and will seek advice.

Brett is interested in 4 and will contact Steve Van Ness.

Abby is doing 5 as it's in POCD already.

Matt is doing number 6. Tania will do training for electrifying municipal vehicles. Richard Pleines will be asked about solar permitting.

Eric will ask Erin to contact Todd and DPW and BOE about 7.

*We need to redo CPACE.

Eric will ask Hugh about number 8. Earth day library workshops were suggested as was Knotweed season etc.

Matt is taking item 9.

Tania is taking item 10. She will review the bike and pedestrian paths and complete streets including the Indian River sidewalks.

Abby will review 11 as we already have some points.

Eric will find the contacts and talk to Dave in human services and revisit paperwork for item 12 Homeless Prevention. Eric suggested datahaven and the Coalition Against Homelessness and Families Helping Families as resources.

Item 13 is a DIY way to create our own topic.

Our current task is fact finding, reporting back and formulating a plan in April.

Eric and Abby are discussing the equity piece. Abby suggested ideas around equity being in a living document so if anyone has wishes to add, they can.

The meeting ended at 7:25pm

Submitted by Tania Abbatello, Secretary

