

Clinton Sustainability Committee Meeting
Virtual Special Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Present were: Zack Plourde, Hollyann Moriarty, Hugh Birdsall, Erin Lidsay, Eric Bergman, Tania Abbatello, Catherine Zamecnik, Matthew Granfield

There were no visitors

New Business:

Eric introduced Zack as a former member of the Energy Committee from 2020-21. He has an environmental chemistry background and is currently employed at Electric Boat handling environmental issues.

The minutes from the February 24th Special meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Eric discussed Item #2 and has received the updated listing of the Brownfield sites from former member Justin Teague. CPACE will be investigated. Former member Christine Goupil will be contacted for an inquiry.

Item #1, the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey was reviewed again as was John Madura's input and suggestions. How you identify most will be included in ALL questions. Format will be revised for simplification purposes. Dissemination via town email blast, town website, schools, possible pilot with committees in town (Eric will contact Sharon and Mary), local businesses. Spanish and other language translations to be done as well with assistance from Hollyann and Google.

Item #3 has been being worked on by Cathy. All mapping has been sent to GIS. She will go back to the Conservation Commission to see if there's more to add. Pollinator Pathways program information from Eversource has been added to the town website.

Item #4 is being reviewed and updated by Tania with the Cultural Asset Map from former member Carrie Allen. First Thursday will resume in May.

Item #5 Our town planner to be has been approved by the town council and Eric submitted a positive statement at the recent public hearing regarding the need.

Item #6 is currently not assigned.

Item#7 Zack will be working on this one with the help of the UCONN student interns that will be assigned this summer by RiverCog on data management. It was noted that Community Solar projects

have been passed by the General Assembly.

Item #9 Matt is working on composting efforts. We are in a holding pattern awaiting permits from DEEP. Discussion of the solid waste “Pay as you throw” will be handled by the Conservation Committee.

Item #10 Erin to look into the Sustainable Food Networks. Mentioned that a food policy council and food assessment might take longer than we would like so an alternative of conducting a health impact assessment and sending someone to training for this was proposed. Areas of improvement in air quality of public spaces, no smoking and educational efforts (REACT) are already being implemented. Developing community growing spaces (Food for All Garden) will be photographed and entered for this item as well.

Items #11, 12 and 13 are not yet assigned.

Erin will follow up on the status of the interns for assistance with upload and tech issues.

Our next meeting will be virtual unless otherwise legislated.

We need to renew our terms with the town clerk. Eric will email everyone as a reminder.

Hollyann updated us in the Beautification Meeting. They had a successful cleanup with 10 bags of trash collected in 1 hour around Main Street and will be looking to do another in May behind the skatepark as well as maybe others regularly with students from Morgan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.