

Clinton Sustainability Committee
Town of Clinton
William Stanton Andrews Memorial Town Hall
54 East Main Street
Clinton, Connecticut 06413

Minutes
Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting
May 27th 2021

Chairman Catherine Zamecnik called the Virtual Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Clinton's Sustainability Advisory Committee to Order at 6:46 P.M.

Members Present: Tania Abbatello, Carrie Allen, Hugh Birdsall, Catherine Zamecnik, Justin Teague

Members Absent: Erin Lindsay, Jim Smith

Minutes for April 22nd regular meeting approved by all present members. C. Allen abstained as she was absent from said meeting.

Committee discussed the potential need for a candidate to fill a vacant slot on the committee. Chair C. Zamecnik will follow up on procedure and potential restrictions on who would be eligible if a vacancy was assessed based on persistent absence from regular meetings.

Public Comments on Half of the Committee

Chairman Zamecnik reaffirmed that any comments made by members of the committee and on the *behalf* of the committee must first be approved by all members of the committee as per the rules of said committee.

Plan Proposal for Grant Submission

The Lee Sawyer grant proposal would require a current plan/budget in place, would most likely not be feasible, but possible other grants might be a reasonable future course, the committee will first need to confirm how money will be used.

Current and Future Action Items

J. Teague discussed completion of the brownfield registry including any properties technically classified as brownfields due to potential environmental impact/assessment required.

C. Allen is working on completing her cultural asset registry.

Additional Discussion Items

Tania Abbatello attended a webinar in regards to food waste, discussing potential first steps for composting for residents through community gardens. C. Allen proposed that an educational session be held about composting at the community garden as a first step in promoting a composting initiative. Will possibly request a guest speaker, proposed for July. C. Allen noted that an important component of this effort should be outreach to the public, with considerations for equity.

C. Allen proposed potentially moving meetings to in person. Committee agrees to meet at the Food For All Garden for the next meeting to view the composting and prepare for a potential informational. This meeting will be at 6:30pm on June 24th.

C. Zamecnik brought up an email from Zack Plourde in regards to uploading documents for action item 7.1. J. Teague will follow up.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

H. Birdsall requested that discussion of the equity survey contents and additions and how the survey will be disseminated.

Pre-planning for the composting/community garden program in July will be done during the next meeting.

Follow up on open action items and proposals for additional actions will be discussed.

There being no further business, C. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. T. Abbatello seconded the motion, all present voting in favor. The May 27th virtual monthly meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. It is noted that a special meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday June 2nd at 6:30 P.M.

Submitted,
Justin Teague
Secretary, Sustainability Committee