

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

Minutes

Virtual Special Meeting
July 15th, 2021

Virtual Special Meeting of the Town of Clinton's Sustainability Advisory Committee called to Order at 6:40 P.M.

Members Present: Tania Abbatello, Carrie Allen, Catherine Zamecnik, Justin Teague, Erin Lindsay

Members Absent: Hugh Birdsall

Additional Attendees: Sofia Dinatale, Megan Schweickert: Sustainability CT interns.

Minutes for May 27th regular meeting approved by all present members.

Meeting With Sustainability CT Interns

Committee members greeted Megan and Sofia, who will be available to assist with tasks related to the town's certification process. For the next meeting they will review previously completed action items to ensure they are not set to expire and are eligible for new/rolling credit for the pending certification application.

Discussion of Public Presentation for Composting Awareness

The committee's original plan to host an informational session on home composting was deemed possibly too narrow, and might be more beneficial as a focus topic in a more broad discussion of sustainable practices to reduce home/everyday waste generation. A potential presenter for this session has agreed to conduct the session, assuming public interest. The committee agreed to attempt to hold this session during the town Summerfest at the end of August if space remains. C. Allen will follow up with the relevant parties and report back before the next meeting.

Follow-up on Survey for Equity

Hugh is absent for this meeting, and as this project is primarily under his development, this agenda item will be addressed at the next regular meeting.

Additional Discussion Items

T. Abbatello mentioned activities of the town poet laureate as a potential for expanding credit of the action item 4.2 Supporting Arts and Culture, and will find out about ongoing poetry programs being held and report back at the next regular meeting.

C Zamecnik forwarded the town's adopted charter on conservation practices, to be uploaded on credit for action items under the section 3 header. J. Teague will determine the appropriate categorization and update the submissions.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

For the next meeting, the committee will plan to discuss:

- The revised version of the survey on equity in the town.
- Nominated candidates to fill the vacancy on the committee. Additionally Carrie will check as to whether the committee can admit additional members beyond the specified seven.
- The planned presentation on sustainable practices and waste reduction with a focus on home composting, and if it can be held on August 28th at the town Summerfest.
- Megan and Sofia will review previously completed action item eligibility for credit.

There being no further business, J. Teague moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Allen seconded the motion, all present voting in favor. The July 15th virtual special meeting was adjourned at 7:18 P.M. The next regular meeting of the committee will occur on Thursday, July 22nd at 6:30 pm also via Zoom link.

Submitted,
Justin Teague
Secretary, Sustainability Committee