Clinton Sustainability Committee

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

Minutes

Virtual Regular Meeting July 22nd, 2021

Virtual Special Meeting of the Town of Clinton's Sustainability Advisory Committee called to Order at 6:34 P.M.

Members Present: Tania Abbatello, Catherine Zamecnik, Justin Teague, Erin Lindsay, Matt Granfield

Members Absent: Carrie Allen, Holly Moriarty

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

Minutes for July 15th special meeting approved by all present members.

Follow up on Survey on Equity:

- -Hugh compared census demographics for Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Clinton, Madison, Guilford. Of note, Clinton reported 95% as "White" compared to an average of 89% in surrounding towns.
- -Follow up with other parties for revisions, but haven't yet received a response. Hugh will follow up with other towns possibly. SustainableCT interns will follow up on the subject with Old Saybrook.

Nominated Candidates to Fill Vacancy

-New Members Matt Granfield and Holly Moriarty added to the committee. Matt was added as a regular member, and Holly as an alternate seat.

Review of Completed Actions Items For Rolling Credit

-Megan created a spreadsheet detailing which items are eligible for rolling credit and which are only eligible for new action credit.

Follow up on Planned Sustainable Practices/Waste Reduction Presentation at Summerfest

- -The committee discussed what materials would be needed for the display and discussion of what issues should be present on the display.
- -This will be an excellent opportunity to disseminate the equity survey to foot traffic in large volumes.
- -Tania volunteered to work on a possible flyer or poster discussing issues and actions for individuals to take re: recycling and sustainable practices.
- -Erin suggested creating QR codes for any informational links, so people can scan information without needing paper pamphlets that might become paper garbage.
- -Cat suggested obtaining cotton reusable produce bags and will follow up with town clerk's office for funding. Justin suggested having a link to the Sustainability Committee web page with informational links. Erin and Justin will compile informational web links.

Additional Discussion Items

-Megan and Sofia formally introduced themselves to the committee, sharing their educational backgrounds and ambitions. Sofia is studying political science at Uconn as well as music, Megan is studying marine biology and marine policy at the University of New Haven.

There being no further business, J. Teague moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Zamecnik seconded the motion, all present voting in favor. The July 22nd virtual special meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M. The next regular meeting of the committee will occur on Thursday, August 26th at 6:30 pm also via Zoom link. A special meeting to confirm completion of tasks for Summerfest will be held on August 12th at 6:30pm via Zoom link.

Submitted, Justin Teague Secretary, Sustainability Committee