



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

[Conducted via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 722 232 2789

Participants:

Mark Scully-member
Lydia Tedone-member
Joe Daly-member
Michelle Lipur-member
Holly Beum-member
Bob Crowther-member
Ray Harris- Town staff liaison
Josh Levy-presenter
Rich Correia-presenter
Susan Van Kleef-guest
Jenn Weymouth -guest
Bayard Faithful- guest
Jani Lewchik-guest
Jesse Schofield-guest
Jonah Lipar-guest
Vickie-guest

Meeting began at 6:34

- 1) Public audience
 - a) Introductions to new members and public attendees
 - b) No public comment
- 2) Approval of December 2022 Minutes
 - a) Minutes approved motion by Lydia Tedone, seconded by Bob Crowther, unanimously accepted
- 3) Presentation by Josh Levy, Vessel Technologies Inc.
 - a) Josh Levy presented on what Vessel Technologies is and does. He Detailed their Sustainable development practices and accessibility
 - b) The committee asked Josh Levy questions about the buildings they make and the processes they use
- 4) Update on Committee Reorganization
 - a) Mark is working to get BOE added to ex-officio boards that the committee consults with
 - b) Will become sustainability committee, combining CETF and sustainable team
 - c) Ex-officio student member as part of official rules was proposed, working through the process on how to make that work

- 5) Request to Hire a Town Sustainability Coordinator
 - a) Looking to get a new employee who could focus on energy and sustainability issues for the town, and that they could pay for themselves with the savings they can obtain for the town
- 6) Updates from Ex-Officio Boards
 - a) Mark described what the new definition of ex-officio members are and what their role will be for the committee
 - b) Holly Beum spoke about the planning POCD work
 - i) Survey at recent public event was shared describing what residents care about for Simsbury
 - ii) Lydia mentioned the ongoing work at the Latimer lane school, and future planning for Simsbury
- 7) Planned/Ongoing/Potential Activities
 - a) Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)
 - i) Bob discussed the need to have integration of items like suitability across multiple topics
 - b) Food Waste
 - I. Jonah Lipur talked about his efforts to start composting at the middle school and high school
 - II. Mark discussed food waste items he would like the Committee to work on, and a seminar that was recently been held that highlighted food waste
 - III. Mark discussed the plan to start a food waste subcommittee to focus on how to implement ideas in Simsbury
 - IV. School food waste is a primary goal
 - V. Mark suggested reaching out to Paine's for their thought on residential and commercial removal
 - VI. Jami asked how the food service at the schools were structured
 - VII. Vickie asked about private event, commercial, and private resident composting, the committee discussed what could be done in Simsbury
 - c) Simsbury Sustainability Conversations
 - i) Plan to regular series of discussions at the library to help educate the public on sustainable issues that could benefit them and the Town
 - d) HeatSmart (heat pump campaign)
 - i) Mark discussed possible heat smart campaigns that the committee could do to help educate the Town's residents about the benefits of heat pumps
 - e) Update to Energy Plan
 - i) Energy plan needs to be updated
 - ii) Data from energy star portfolio
 - iii) Jami Lewchik discussed possible science-based efficiency analysis, the committee discussed how it might be included in the energy plan
- 8) Open forum
 - a) Discussion on when, who, and what the food waste subcommittee will be

Motion to adjourn by Lydia Tedone, seconded by Bob Crowther, meeting closed at 8:07PM