



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

[Conducted via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 722 232 2789

PUBLIC COMMENTS to be read during the public audience portion can be submitted to the Town Clerk at townclerk@simsbury-ct.gov up to 4:30pm on the day prior to the meeting.

Attendees:

Mark Scully

Ray Harris

Joe Daly

Lydia Tedone

Susan Van Kleef

Brian Burkhart

Bayard Faithful

Jennifer Weymouth

Jami Lewchik

Susan Olson

Michael Schultz

Sam King-Blue Earth

- 1) Sam King from Blue Earth Products was invited to speak on his at home composting company.
 - a) Committee discussed program and ways Simsbury could utilize their program and generally increase composting in Town
- 2) Call to Order and Roll Call
 - a) Mark confirmed a Quorum was present.
- 3) Public Audience
 - a) No comments
- 4) Approval of January 2024 Minutes
 - a) Date was as listed as 2023, it was 2024
 - b) Motion by Michael Schultz, second by Joe Daly, Unanimous approval
- 5) Updates from Ex-Officio Boards
 - a) Lydia Tedone spoke about the Board of Education's work on their budget and the upcoming schedule for that.
 - b) No updates from any other ex-officio members today
- 6) Sustainability Coordinator proposal

- a) Board of Education doesn't plan to put forward for a sustainability coordinator at this time due to budget constraints
- b) Committee discussed the position, where it is in the Town's plan, and how the position could be presented to increase the chances of it being adopted
- 7) Planned/Ongoing/Potential Activities
 - a) Simsbury Sustainability Coalition
 - i) A meeting was held with interested Town groups to discuss the logistics of the coalition, how it could benefit the Town and what the next steps are
 - b) Sustainability Newsletter/Comms Team
 - i) First newsletter was published and distributed on Town Website
 - c) 2024 Sustainability Fair
 - i) Mark has talked to the library, and there seems to be a mutual interest in the project
 - (1) Tentatively looking to have the fair on May 4th
 - (2) Committee discussed the plans for the fair and whether the May 4 date was workable and what work needs to be done
- 8) Open Forum
 - a) Motion to adjourn by Lydia Tedone, Seconded by Mark Schultz, meeting ended at 7:59 pm

Key Links:

- [Shared Committee Google Calendar](#)

Members

Ex Officio

Holly Beum, Planning Commission
Joe Daly, Recycling Committee
Michelle Lipur, Culture, Parks & Rec
Lydia Tedone, Board of Education

At-Large

Jami Lewchik
Amy McLean
Michael Schultz
Mark Scully