



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

[Conducted via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 722 232 2789

Attendees

Mark Scully

Joe Daly

Lydia Tedone

Amy Mclean

Jami Lewchik

Ray Harris

Jesse Schofield

Jenn Weymouth

Susan Van Kleef

Bayard Faithful

- 1) Public audience
 - a) No comments made
- 2) Approval of February 2023 Minutes
 - a) Minutes, update item seven suitability to sustainability
 - b) Motioned approval with amendment by Lydia Tedone seconded by Joe Daly, Amy Mclean abstained, all voted affirmative.
- 3) Updates from Ex-Officio Boards
 - a) Mark Scully shared Michelle Lipur updates which described what the Culture Parks and Rec Committee was currently doing related to Sustainability.
 - b) Lydia Tedone shouted out Mark Scully's discussion of a sustainability coordinator for the BOE and Town of Simsbury
 - c) Joe Daly gave an update on the Swap Shop and shared his spread sheet tracking all the recycling topics he has been working on over the last 12 months
- 4) Planned/Ongoing/Potential Activities
 - a) Food Waste
 - i) Sub-committee meeting recently begin working on food waste issues
 - (1) Primary focus is school waste, starting with Squadron line elementary.
 - (2) Principal of school seemed interested and wanted to focus on general recycling as a lead into food waste recycling.

- b) Simsbury Sustainability Conversations
 - i) Mark went over workshop topics for sustainability topics that would be held monthly at the library, topics discussed include heat pumps, electric vehicles, composting, and other sustainability topics.
 - (1) Amy Mclean discussed home energy audits and how to highlight that in Simsbury.
 - (2) Mark shared statistical data on home energy audits in Simsbury.
 - (3) Committee discussed ways to publicize events, including SCTV segments.
- c) Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)
 - i) Holly Beum was not present to discuss updates, Mark recapped current status and how to get sustainable language added.
- d) Sustainable CT
 - i) Mark discussed the current status of the sustainable CT submission for Simsbury, including highlighting items that we have/need to work on and when the submission is due
- e) HeatSmart (heat pump campaign)
 - i) One of the early library conversations is to target heat Pumps, Mark discussed additional items related to heat pumps that the committee could highlight to raise awareness for heat pumps.
- 5) Open forum
 - a) Susan Van Kleef highlighted that the land trust was working on dark skys and could be available for shared work on this topic
- 6) Meeting ended at 7:47 pm

Members

Ex Officio

Holly Beum, Planning Commission
 Bob Crowther, Economic Dev. Comm.
 Joe Daly, Recycling Committee
 Michelle Lipur, Culture, Parks & Rec
 Lydia Tedone, Board of Education

At-Large

Bob Beinstein
 Jami Lewchik
 Amy McLean
 Mark Scully