

Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes October 5, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

Member and At-Large Member Attendees:

Mark Scully Jami Lewchik Michael Schulitz Joe Daly Lydia Tedone Amy McLean

Public Attendees:

Susan Van Kleef Leah Pittsfield Susan Olson Victoria North Bayard Faithful Jesse Schofield

Jenn Weymouth

- 1) Public audience
 - a) No Comments
- 2) Approval of September 2023 Minutes
 - a) Edits from September Minutes
 - i) Susan Olson was present but not listed as an attendee
 - ii) Millstone power plant was misspelled
 - b) Motion to approve by Joe Daly, seconded by Jami Lewchik, all voted affirmative
- 3) Updates from Ex-Officio Boards
 - a) No updates reported
- 4) Planned/Ongoing/Potential Activities
 - a) Fall Sustainability Fair
 - i) Bayard Faithful gave an update on the status of the planning for the Sustainability fair
 - ii) Committee coordinated volunteer assignments and details of the plan for the event
 - b) Candidate Survey
 - i) Committee discussed survey for tri-board candidates, and how best to share the results
 - ii) Committee discussed thought process behind the survey and the goals they have for it

- c) Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)
 - i) Mark Scully updated the committee on the status of the POCD update and the sustainability items that have been included

d) Food Waste

 i) Joe Daly presented an article about Canton's new food waste recovery program, and the committee discussed those details and ways to improve food waste recovery in Simsbury

e) Sustainable CT

- i) Mark Scully discussed the status of the Town's Sustainable CT application and the Town's future plans for the program
- f) Simsbury Sustainability Coalition
 - i) Mark presented the proposed list of Town groups that could be included in a larger group that would help each other with similar goals and projects
 - (1) The committee discussed other groups that could be included and the goals that might be achieved with this coalition

5) Open Forum

- a) Susan Van Kleef shared that she had spoken with Lisa Heavner about getting an energy manager position in the Town, the committee discussed this idea
- b) Lydia Tedone asked about the "Nip" Bottle Refund money the Town had received and what it was to be used for, the Committee discussed

Meeting ended 8:06 pm