

**Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

Attendees

Ray Harris
Holly Beum
Mark Scully
Susan Van Kleef
Michael Schultz
Vickie North
Lydia Tedone

Joe Daly
Bayard Faithful
Jennifer Weymouth
Kevin Beal
Jami Lewchik
Leah Pitfield

1. Public audience
 - a. No Comments
2. Approval of October 2023 Minutes (no November meeting)
 - a. Motion to approve by Michael Schultz, seconded by Jamie, all Voted Aye
3. Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates
 - a. Motioned by Michael Schultz, Seconded by Mark Scully, all voted Aye
4. Updates from Ex-Officio Boards
 - a. Holly Beum reviewed the changes that were made in the soon to be adopted POCD revision
 - b. Recycling committee updated the success of the swap shop
 - c. Lydia discussed tri-board meeting to begin budget planning, and ongoing projects
5. Planned/Ongoing/Potential Activities
 - a. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)
 - i. Mark discussed proposed renovations at Eno and how the committee can get involved in the planning process for this and similar projects
 - b. Food Waste
 - i. Mark discussed the status of the work the working group has been doing
 - ii. Mark shared a document listing current ideas for food waste disposal programs and other organizations doing similar work that could be used as a model or collaborated with
 - c. The Committee discussed the possibility of getting a sustainability coordinates as a town position. Mark motioned for the committee to agree to writing a letter to be sent to the BOS and BOE in favor of the position
 - i. Seconded by Mark Schultz, motion approved with all voting Aye
6. Simsbury Sustainability Coalition
 - a. Mark has prepared a letter outlining the idea behind the coalition and the letter is to be sent to associations that could benefit from collaboration on sustainability planning
 - b. The committee discussed the Sustainability Newsletter and ways for further outreach and social engagement with the Town

- c. Committee Discussed possibility for a stand-alone suitability fair in 2024
- 7. Open forum
 - a. Mark Scully reviewed available options to promote more solar in the Town
- 8. Motion to adjourn by Mark Scully seconded by Michael Schultz, Meeting ended at 7:05 pm