



SUSTAINABLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Virtual

Present: Gavin Lodge, John Kiker, Sue Hessel, Sue Cope, Diana Fiske, Sarah Crisp, Cynthia Willauer, Liz Frankel, Carleen Gerber

Absent: Jim Miller, David Lahm, Matt Strekel

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

The committee discussed and provided updates on the various SustainableCT initiatives being considered:

1. **Equity.** John Kiker provided an update on the equity initiative: The Equity Toolkit is being applied to three initiatives, with one already completed. Kiker is participating in SustainableCT equity training; the Town needs one more representative from Town Hall to go through the training.
2. **Thriving Local Economies.** Sarah Crisp is taking on the retail operations and working with Kiker on coordination and approval from Town Hall.
3. **Land Use.** Many initiatives are underway under this action item, including Pollinator Pathways, invasives and Dark Skies.
4. **Culture.** Liz Frankel provided an update on the Kids Arts Program, and other arts and culture initiatives.
5. **Planning/Community Involvement.** Kiker will find out timing of the next POCD process through Town Hall.
6. **Transportation.** The committee determined this initiative doesn't apply to Lyme.
7. **Energy.** Kiker gave a status report of his work with Jim Miller on solar energy.
8. **Communications.** Item 8.2 is ready to be submitted to SustainableCT.
9. **Strategic Materials.** The committee discussed potential Town communications around composting and food waste.
10. **Optimal Health.** The committee discussed community growing spaces and other initiatives.

The committee discussed the process for Board of Selectman's approval of its initiatives; and the submission process and timetable.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.