

Sustainable Lyme Committee

February 14, 2022 Minutes

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Gavin Lodge, John Kiker, Liz Frankel, Tink Willauer, Alan Sheiness, Carleen Gerber, Diana Fiske and Jim Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 10:09.

Mr. Lodge reviewed minutes from the previous meeting which were approved unanimously.

Mr. Miller volunteered to act as Secretary for the meeting.

Mr. Lodge led a discussion of the initiatives in process and their progress. These include progress in all categories except 10, 12 and 13. Examples thus far include pollinator pathway, dark skies, local business listings, historic sites, a town Equity statement and energy efficiency. The Committee has, thus far, submitted items valued at 90 points and has a goal of submitting 200 points by April, 2022 in order to achieve a Bronze level. The next deadline will be November 2022.

A discussion was held regarding the status of various in-process initiatives. Ms. Frankel reminded the Committee that Sustainable Connecticut updated its requirements and renumbered some categories in November.

The Committee reviewed responsibility for assignments: Humphrey Tyler is moving to California. Mr. Miller suggested that Regan Stacey has an interest in recycling related issues and he will ask her if she would be willing to take on those areas in Item 9. Mr. Lodge asked for volunteers to take responsibility for items 10, 12 and 13 where nothing is yet in process, and reminded the Committee that we need points in every category to achieve Bronze. Ms. Fiske reported that P&Z is currently revising farming regulations and that those efforts may qualify for item 10. A discussion was held on homeless outreach, which would address item 12. A discussion was held regarding general recommendations to the Board of Selectmen that may qualify for item 13 and Mr. Sheiness volunteered to look into that possibility. It was also pointed out that Old Lyme submitted the Region 18 zero emissions by 2030 plan for item 13 and it was agreed to look into that as a possible submission.

A discussion was held about the Committee's schedule of regular meetings on the second Monday of each month for 2022, with the next meeting scheduled for March 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52