

The May 24, 2023, Organizational Meeting of the Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee was convened at 6:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Central Meeting Room by Co-chair Hillary Drumm.

Present: Co-chair Hillary Drumm, Kelly Aviles, Lor Ferrante, Nita Lathia, and Leslie Lyons

Absent: Co-chair Tom Kenefick

Consultant: Diane McCarthy-Bercury

Guests present: Beej Ahern, Lana Marcucio

Woodbridge Sustainability Committee Meeting Notes:

Key Points:

- Everyone introduced themselves:
 - Hillary Drumm is active in the conservation committee, Green Team, and was previously on sustainability committee
 - Kelly Aviles wants to set the right role model for her daughters by actively participating in the sustainability
 - Lor Ferrante is passionate about sustainability and worked with the previous committee and is an active member of the COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES (CUPOP)
 - Nita Lathia is transitioning into sustainability from Ecommerce/Shipping industry
 - Leslie Lyons is active in the political party in Woodbridge and a member of CUPOP
 - Diane McCarthy-Bercury worked in many different roles in the Town of Branford supporting sustainability efforts/compliance and is here to help in our journey. Has a Masters in Sustainability
 - Beej Ahern teaches MAG for 15 years and wants to help in our sustainability journey
 - Lana Marcucio is a member of the Green Team at Beecher School and wants to help
- Projects/discussions:
 - Pursue Bronze level for Woodbridge from Sustainable CT?
 - Composting Project
 - Meeting schedules: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
 - June: 6/7, 6/28
 - July: 7/19
 - August: 8/9
 - September: 9/13, 9/27
- Community education
 - Workshops at the library
 - Social Media
 - Have "experts" in the topics our community is most interested in solving this year
- How do we decide our agenda for this year?
 - Start with a plan

- Have PACE (People's action for Clean Energy) talk to us
- Learn what other towns are doing. Easton is close to our profile
- Establish a few goals
- Create a survey for community to weigh in (gauge interest in terms of funding, participation etc.) based on the focus ideas
- Other topics:
 - Food Rescue Heroes: Help driving. Always looking for volunteers
 - Include young people in town (after we have our plan created and vetted)
 - Composting project

Action Items:

Diane to contact PACE to come and talk to us
Lor will ask Jessica to speak at one of our meetings
Can we use Zoom for members who cannot attend in person but would like to participate?
(Hillary)

Next Meeting:

June 7, 6:00 P.M.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Nita Lathia