

# Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee of Woodbridge, CT

## Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 6:00pm

### Woodbridge Town Hall – Selectman’s Conference Room

**Present: Members:** Hillary Drumm – Co-Chair, Tom Kenefick – Co-Chair, Lor Ferrante Fernandes (late), Beej Ahern, Nita Lathia – Co-Secretary, Lana Marcucio, Leslie Lyons, Alyssa Anderson, Kelly Aviles – Co-secretary (absent), Diana McCarthy-Bercury(absent)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm
2. **July 19th Minutes:** Hillary Drumm motioned to approve minutes; Tom Kenefick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
  - a. **Vote: Yes** - Lor Ferrante Fernandes, Hillary Drumm, Tom Kenefick, Nita Lathia, Beej Ahern.
3. **Discussed the Sustainable CT spreadsheet:**
  - a. All members reviewed the spreadsheet and commented prior to the meeting.
  - b. Discussed categories 1 and 2 in detail.
  - c. We need to decide which items from each category will be included in the submission.
  - d. If needed, we may have extra virtual meetings to complete the discussion regarding the submission.
4. **Other Topics:**
  - a. Leslie Lyons working on relationship with UI and what they can offer for our community
  - b. Set up dates for the next set of meetings.
  - c. Engaging local businesses in Woodbridge events. May be re-instate Woodbridge bucks? Need to operationalize the idea.
5. **Attendees (Public):** Sue Torgerson, and Mr. Richard Blackwell joined the meeting.
  - a. Sue wanted to know about the composting program and about Blue Earth
  - b. Participated in the discussion about the upcoming survey.
6. **Actions From Discussion:**
  - a. Tom- talk to Tony Genovese (about the Woodbridge Equity statement, sustainable purchasing, Brownfields
  - b. Lor- check with CUPOP about the Brownfields map
  - c. Leslie – Work on water issues & UI

- d. Hillary- talk to Economic development committee about listing local business & Woodbridge Bucks.
  - e. Hillary- draft survey
7. **Dates for the next set of meetings:**
- a. Sept 13 – 6:00 PM, In person
  - b. September 27 –6:00 PM, In person
  - c. October 25 – 6:00 PM, Virtual/Hybrid
  - d. November 29 – 6:00 PM, Virtual/Hybrid
  - e. December 13 – 6:00 PM, Virtual/Hybrid
8. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on September 13th. Agenda items will be sent by Hillary Drumm. Luke Miles, from Energize CT will attend the Sept 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss HeatSmart program as well as alternative energy solutions.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Minutes taken by: Nita Lathia