

SUSTAINABLE CT MINUTES

JUNE 29, 2023 ZOOM

Attendees: Elaine Buchardt, Mike Burke, Maryann Gile, Amy March, Cathy Palazzi

Excused: Susan Camoroda

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Additions/Deletions: None.

Old Business:

- Elaine spoke about the June 1st Sustainable get together held in Glastonbury at the Boathouse where the summer Fellows were introduced. Our Fellow is Adrian Huq. Elaine enjoyed meeting everyone and asking them questions. She was pleased to discover Carrie Rogers from CVC network was there and spoke with her about the equity portion of our certification. Elaine will make sure Carrie will be our Ambassador.
- Reporting on the EDC/CC/TA meeting Elaine said the next one was July 11th at 2:00 pm and was a zoom meeting. This group will meet every two months to go over collective issues of all committees/commissions in Andover. What they may need and how can we help them. Elaine said the Town Administrator (TA) has hired a company as our Town Planner and with a staff we should be able to get huge results from this team.
- Mike reporting for ALPOA said the 175th beach bash was postponed due to weather and no date was set. He said that ALPOA will be putting on a beach bash August 12th and it was possible that the 175th could combine with them. Beach bash is open to the public and all are welcome. Swimming lessons will be held from July 10th-21st. Mike said the River Watershed Pledge was on the website. Cathy asked Mike how would you know if people took the pledge online and he said that has not been figured out yet. He mentioned there had been littering at the beach and dam and the police were notified. Mike said they have outside cameras but were aimed in the wrong direction. Cathy asked about the fundraiser it was not “user friendly” online and she couldn’t order what she had intended to purchase. Mike said they will be doing another one and are updating the website to make it easier to use. The reason for the fundraiser is the beach needs a new raft. Amy mentioned to Mike he could put in for the Hartford Foundation grant. Cathy believes the object for the SCT grant is it has to be original not started already and will benefit all the residents of Andover.
- Maryann talked about the Conservation Commission working on the POCD for 2025. Hank Gruner is heading this project that the team is working on. They need to be ready since a Town Planner will be hired and start after July 1st. CC is a huge part of the POCD and want to be ready for the TP. Maryann said she is looking at the annual report for FY 2022-2023 that the team will be working on soon. Cathy congratulated Maryann for taking on the leadership role of CC chairman. She feels Maryann is the perfect person for this role and will be doing a great job. She also mentioned Cathy Shea is the new Vice Chairman and Evan Aguirre is their treasurer.

New Business:

- a) Cathy introduced Amy March as our new adviser for our team. Since Cathy is very busy with senior work, transportation needs and grant season she has asked Amy to take the lead in this role. Amy will review each item we still had been lacking to receive our Bronze Certification and Cathy has now added these to our Action Items. If Amy sees anything still missing in these reviews, she will talk with Cathy to see how we can correct it. Cathy said she was pleased Amy offered to take on this new role as she had left the Andover Garden Committee as their Chairman and wasn't sure if she could stay on the STC committee.
- b) Adrian Huq our summer Fellow will be on our July meeting to go over information that we may need for certification in April.
- c) Cathy stated we do have to have an elected official from the BOS attend the three-month two-hour program in order to qualify. Cathy has spoken with Scott Person and will send him more information in hopes he will do it for us.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Amy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Elaine to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy

Cathy Palazzi, Chairman