

SUSTAINABLE CT MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 BY ZOOM

Attendees: Elaine Buchardt, Susan Camoroda, Maryanne Gile, Amy March, Cathy Palazzi,
Sharon Shevchenko

Excused: Michael Burke

Liaison: Jeff Maguire (absent)

1. Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m.
2. No Public Speak
3. Additions/Deletions: There were none.
4. Approval of Minutes: Elaine made a motion to approve seconded by Sharon. No discussion. Approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a) Cathy asked Amy if she had heard from Ed Sarisley regarding the resizing or moving of the Community Garden. She had not heard and Cathy said she will make a second call to Ed.
 - b) Cathy had spoken with Sup. Valerie Bruneau about the watering of the garden during the summer and she will plan for next year so others do not have to water the two plots that AES is using to educate their students on planting and caring for a garden.
 - c) Cathy asked Amy if she had researched any more grants for the Community Garden but Amy wants to wait until she finishes using the current grant from Hartford Foundation.
 - d) Maryanne gave an update on the Laudano property and will know in 4-6 months if the state grant for purchase is awarded to the town. Maryanne is currently attending the 3-part Sustainable CT virtual equity training series fall 2022. Cathy is thinking we can receive credit and thanked Maryann for taking the lead on this and attending.
 - e) Cathy gave a brief report from her discussion with Mary Dickenson who oversees preparing towns to receive their certifications. Mary went over the lack of information we need for the future and Cathy will comply. Mary encouraged us to try for a fall 2023 certification and therefore we could use the UCONN students they have during the summer to guide us toward certification.
6. New Business:
 - a) Elaine gave updates on EDC and asked if we could use the UCONN presentation towards new points. Cathy was confident we can and will research it. Mostly due to the Affordable Housing plans the students have created and talked about; Cathy felt this information could be used under Affordable Housing.
 - b) Sharon gave excellent updates on plans from the library for both 2022 and 2023. Two of these will be a Trick & Treat and Santa Program. They continue to have a book club, children's program each week and a knitting and crocheting club. Their book and bake sales were successful. They are in the process of working with Scott Yeomans to present a talk for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the town in 2023. Sharon mentioned they had only received one submission for the Poet Laureate position and that person was no longer

available. The Board has been considered going to RHAM looking for a student who wanted to help with this project. Amy asked Sharon the details of this position as she had not seen it in the *Rivereast*. Sharon is considering the possibility of re-running the article in the paper again.

- c) Amy talked about the Community Garden having their own watering system so they are not dependent on the rain barrels. Jeff Ballard is looking into this for the garden. She will report more on this next meeting.
- d) Susan talked about having started a once-a-month meeting with veterans in Andover meeting at town hall the third Saturday of the month. She reported this month different veterans had attended and she would like to see both groups come to the next meeting. Susan has made a poster honoring women of the military (see attachment). This is an excellent idea and Cathy is hoping one that can be used in our certification. This flyer should help build a bench and honor the women of the military. SCT has such strong ideas on what we can and cannot use to certify. Susan mentioned they would be presenting a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Monument Veterans Park on 11/11 at 11:00 a.m. Basically, the same program as in the past. She said John Botti would be the speaker.
- e) Cathy mentioned the annual report is due to Town Hall by December 15th and she will be sending it out to the committee soon so they can add any information that is not listed. Cathy asked each person to review and put in red what they would like included in the annual report.

Cathy mentioned there would not be a November meeting since our meeting date falls on Thanksgiving. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 22nd

Cathy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Elaine. Approved.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Palazzi