



## Deep River SustainableCT Committee

### Minutes

Where: Deep River Town Hall

When: Thursday March 14 2024 7:00 PM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726300063?pwd=bENQSIU5aERvN2l3ZUhaYnhmS2Frdz09>

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll call

Committee Members Tom , Jim, Nancy, Lenore, Jeff, Katherine

Guest:Allison Sloane

Nancy moved to accept the minutes from Feb 8, Jim approved, passed unanimously

4. Agenda

1. Earth Day Events:

Chester 9-7 April 20

Warriors in the Community Friday May 24 Cleanup by the river

April 21 Pandemonium Rainforest – participate in Earth Day celebration

Jeff moved for our Sustainable Committee to participate, Katherine seconded, passed unanimously

2. River COG March 13 meeting update:

Discussed, what projects could we do as a Tri-town area

Solarize, with Lindsay Towswitch as prime leader. She will be contacting vendors and try to gauge their interest in participating. Jeff to keep in touch with Lindsay

Quiet Lawns—this has been introduced in some towns. More consideration to follow

Pollinator Pathways – Coordinate with garden clubs? Perhaps sponsor a plant sale?

Styrofoam reduction: One target audience would be take-out diners. Perhaps develop a certification, or award program, for local restaurants? Would be issued if the restaurant had sustainable packaging for takeout, per a defined standard. Branding, and stickers, would be Tri-town in nature

Unit based pricing again – explore more models than were considered in the Deep River pilot . Many towns have been able to implement with a lighter touch

Light Out campaign . Gateway commission had a successful program, but was limited to migration time periods and non-residential buildings

Air Quality next step is lecture on 21 April Earth Day event. Jeff on point

Suggestion: Consolidate the Tri-Town events on a singular poster for publicati

3. Warriors in the Community Day

4. Thin plastics pick up

Thin Plastics – ongoing discussions about the collection methodology - how to optimize. Sara to continue search for collection partners to reduce the need of Sustainable

5. New Business

Food scraps recycling at the schools. Adherence to recycling is not as good as it once was. Teacher at Old Lyme High School is setting up food scraps and will be visiting 1 April to tour Deep River school

Sustainable CT Actions:

Jim called Lori Gianotti re: land trust activities that might be applied to Actions

Jim to check out Action 7, Energy monitoring. 7.9 is complete

Lenore wrote up DEI Workbook already. (Action 9)

Community Health (11) – Nancy

Coordinate completions via email , Include the number of the Action

Completed list due in August

6. Adjournment Jim moved, Nancy seconded, unanimous