



SustainableCT Deep River Committee Meeting

Date: Friday October 15, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM

Attendance

Carol Jones (Chair), Molly Flueckiger, Lenore Grunko, Jeff Gross, Jerry Richard, Jonathan Kastner, Lindsey Gustafson, Michelle Giddens

1. Call to Order 9:07 AM
2. Approve minutes from monthly meeting held on September 17, 2021

Lenore Grunko moved to approve and Jeff Gross seconded the motion. Meeting Minutes Approved.

3. 2022 Meeting Schedule

We plan to continue to meet on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM at Town Hall. We will discuss the schedule again next month. No action taken.

4. Active SustainableCT Actions updates

- a. Action 3.1 Provide Watershed Education (Jeff Gross).

- i. Education event held on Thursday October 14, 2021. Jeff Gross will send meeting notes and a copy of the event brochure to the DR SustainableCT Committee. Jeff will contact Sam Gold at River COG to discuss next steps for Watershed Management.

- b. 3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways (Carol Jones)

- i. Carol Jones reports that the Deep River Garden Club and the Rotary are continuing work on pollinator pathways in town.
- c. 8.1 Hold a Sustainability event | DEI Book Club (Lenore Grunko)
 - i. The first meeting of the book club was a success. The October meeting will be held in Deep River Town Hall. Finding meeting locations in Essex and Chester continues to be hard because facilities charge fees for meeting space.
- d. Action # TBD | Pet Parade (Lenore Grunko)
 - i. Lenore will investigate how the Pet Parade may qualify for SustainableCT Action credit.
- e. 9.4 Develop a Food Waste Prevention Campaign or Food Scrap Recover Campaign or Program (Lenore Grunko)
 - i. The food scrap collection contact is under review by the town lawyer. The cost of the program is \$230/month. The committee discussed ways to promote the program when it is launched. Molly suggested that the Committee create a publicity check list that we can use when we promote all of our activities. Lenore mentioned the \$5million grant from the State of CT for garbage reduction. Letters of intent are due by Oct. 29. Jonathan and Joyce have been tasked with taking care of the grant submission by Angus.
- f. 2.3 Inventory and Promote Local Retail Options (Carol Jones)

- i. Carol distributed copies of a business index brochure produced by the Deep River Merchant and Business Association several years ago. Jonathan Kastner and Michelle Giddens will coordinate with the association to update the index. Molly Flueckiger mentioned that we can get 5 points for a list and 5 points for a map. We can also get credit for including special designations.
 - g. Action # TBD | The Committee discussed the challenges to the Dark Skys initiative.
 - h. Action 8.2 Provide Effective Community Communications
 - i. Molly and Carol are developing a communications inventory questionnaire to send to town employees. We are determining if we will use Google Forms or Survey Monkey.
- 5. SustainableCT Certification
 - a. Working session with Elizabeth McGee about 2022 Certification during November meeting.
- 6. Jerry Richard initiated a conversation about how to be more strategic about energy and the environment in Deep River. The Committee will reach out to Angus McDonald, First Selectman to discuss the town's strategy.
- 7. Adjournment 10:47 AM.

Next Meeting: Friday November 19, 2021 9:00 AM