



**Town of North Stonington  
Sustainability Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
December 6, 2022  
7:30 PM**

Minutes

1. **Call to order/roll call:** A. Kahn called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. A. Kahn and C. Fasullo were present. Guests were Emma Sutphen from Adesa Farm.
2. **No-Till / Regenerative Farming Event:** no update
3. **Local Farmer Map:** A. Kahn reported waiting to hear back from possible venues.
4. **Farmer Produce Hub:** no update
5. **Bottle Recycling Program / Replenish:**
  - A. Kahn reported that First Selectman Bob Carlson had shared information from CCM about Replenish with A. Kahn to have the Sustainability Committee look into it. Replenish has clients who want materials (like plastics) that don't usually get recycled well from municipal system
  - Company purchases these materials from towns
  - Designated bins for certain recyclables
  - Complication: System needs municipal-level management
  - Nips: #1 PETE plastic
    - ~\$12,000 from Bottle Bill to deal with environmental measures that reduce the impact of solid waste
  - Which items would benefit Replenish that our municipality could gather in bulk at transfer station?
    - PETE 1 plastics (water bottles and shampoo/conditioner bottles)
  - How are other towns with similar demographics managing to succeed with this program?
  - Does money need to go directly to nip recycling efforts or can it go towards more general solid waste collection?
  - A. Kahn will connect with Jess LeClair from Sustainable CT to find out more to help answer these questions.
6. **Project Oceanology:**
  - A. Kahn reported that there is an opportunity for a grant through Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) and contemplating applying for this grant for programming through Project Oceanology (PO).
    - Potential sustainable school programming to encourage youth appreciation for sustainability
    - Project O: Conversations with Executive Director of PO connected to director of WSR (Elaine)
    - WSR has a grant process that would be available for us to apply for (up to \$4,000)
    - Could there be a way for us to help fund sending some kids to Project O through this grant?

- Watershed/river-related programming: some options that would fit into the scope of this grant request
- Funding for up to 30 kids to attend PO to waterfront and classroom programs: half and half
- Town of North Stonington has historically of being a municipality engaged with PO and this could be point of reconnection
- Include target population in grant information: school decides this prioritization
- Grant money would be awarded in March and would have to be used by June

**7. Sustainable Capital Projects:** no update

**8. Pollinator Pathways:** no update

**9. Discussion – Other Initiatives:** no update

**10. Public comment:** none

**11. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Kahn, Chair