



**Town of North Stonington
Sustainability Committee
Zoom Special Meeting
November 8, 2022
7:30 PM**

Minutes

1. **Call to order/roll call:** A. Kahn called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Members present: A. Kahn and C. Fasullo. Emma Sutphen joined as guest.
2. **Kayak/Canoe River Cleanup:** Given the drought, we were unable to host a Kayak trail river cleanup. The Committee will look to revisit potential dates for this initiative to be held in late spring.
3. **No-Till / Regenerative Farming:** Emma Sutphen as a local farmer is very engaged and has a great passion for regenerative farming. The Committee discussed opportunities to connect local farmers with information / subject matter experts on no-till, sustainable farming from cost benefit standpoint.
4. **Circularity Cohort:** A. Kahn reported that she had a call with the rep from Replenish on 11/4/2022. The Company has recycling receptacles in various locations in the Town in order to drop off recyclable products for which they pay the Town. Given their direct relationship with large companies that purchase the material directly from Replenish, it drives greater recycling in a community than otherwise generated. Next step is for A. Kahn to organize a meeting between Town officials and Replenish to assess feasibility.
5. **Bottle Recycling Program:** A. Kahn shared that the Town has a fund from proceeds of the Bottle Bill, which collects \$0.05 from the sale of each nip bottle purchased in a North Stonington package/liquor store to be used to reduce waste or aid in cleanup of litter in the Town. The Committee discussed potential uses for these funds.
6. **Project Oceanology:** A. Kahn shared that she had discussed with the Executive Director of Project Oceanology the background of membership of the Town of North Stonington and opportunities for future involvement from Town school children in Project O. programming.
7. **Pollinator Pathways Update:** no update
8. **Discussion – Other Initiatives:** E. Sutphen shared information about Healthy PlanEat, a sustainable food tech startup based in East Lyme, Connecticut which

helps farmers using sustainable growing practices to sell their food directly to local customers. E. Sutphen provided contact information for the owner, and recommended Alexis connect with her.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Kahn, Chair