Minutes

1. Call to order/roll call: A.Kahn called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Members present: A.Kahn, C.Fasullo, T.Balestracci. Member absent: J.Lindsey, P.Turner

2. Review of previous Meeting Minutes: special meeting minutes 1/11/2022 accepted as submitted.

3. Sustainable CT:
   • Climate Leader Designation Update: Committee has earned 35 points out of the required 140 points. Deadline for Climate Leader Designation is the same as the Sustainability Certification deadline (August). Committee will review the Climate Change initiatives to determine if completing them will earn 105 points. There’s a 2 year look back for points earned. Points do expire.

4. Sustainable States Community Energy Challenge:
   • Additional feedback on Native Energy discussion: A.Kahn reached out to Belinda Learned about joining the committee. With scheduling conflicts B.Learned cannot join but offered her insight on the challenges her farm faces. Some sustainability initiatives do not always benefit the farmer due to the costs and resources needed to implement some initiatives. Some Native Energy programs may not be applicable to the farms in this town and are designed for larger farms,

5. Sustainability Committee Initiatives:
   1. Farmer’s Market: Milltown Arts and M.Tscheulin are spearheading a pop up Artisan Farm Market at Hewitt Farm. It will be held once a month from May-August. Committee discussed joining it, to engage with businesses and farmers about sustainability challenges.
   2. Earth Day plan: T.Balestracci will see what other Sustainability Committees and towns do to celebrate Earth Day and engage with the community.
   3. Sustainability social media campaign: no updates
   4. Bay Street Textiles Recycling: A.Kahn reached out to Christine Dias to see where a recycling bin can be put in town. T.Balestracci reached out to the
5. Ecosia search engine: A.Kahn shared this website: [www.info.ecosia.org](http://www.info.ecosia.org)

It’s like Amazon Smile. The profit the website makes from your online searches, helps to plant trees.

6. Pollinator Pathways Update: no update

7. Sustainable North Stonington Website & Facebook Updates: no updates

8. Public comment: none

9. Adjournment: Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:24pm (A.Kahn/T.Balestracci.) Motion carried 3-0.

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Toula Balestracci, Secretary