Minutes

1. Call to order/roll call: Members present - A.Kahn, C. Fasullo, P. Turner, T. Balestracci (J.Lindsey resigned)

Public: Selectman N.Porter and B.Mastroianni

2. Review of previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes 3/1/2022 accepted as submitted

3. Sustainable CT: no updates, interns start late May or in June

4. Sustainability Committee Initiatives:

   1. Farmer’s Market: B.Mastroianni gave updates on the pop-up market. They’ve raised $1300 in donations and t-shirt sales. The biggest expense is trash pick-up and portable toilets. Committee should consider having a table for exposure and to encourage sustainability initiatives.

   2. North Stonington Ag Fair Update: A.Kahn spoke with Jody Whipple about the supplies they will need to clean up the fair. There’s a grant matching program that could offset the costs of trash bags. The committee agreed that fundraising and getting individual donations would be challenging. Committee discussed focusing efforts on the ham and bean dinner on July 16th. Most food vendors have already ordered their supplies.

   3. NoSto Fest: no updates

4. Earth Day plan: Collaboration with Conservation Commission: Earth Day is Friday April 22nd. The Conservation Commission is encouraging clean up around town on Saturday, April 23rd. Committee agreed that clean up can be a 2-day event, on Friday and Saturday. A.Kahn to create the event on
www.earthday.org. Hewitt Farm or the rec would be the safest place for children
to help. Wintechog Hill has a lot of debris with all of the residents heading to
the transfer station.

5. **Sustainability social media campaign**: Committee is still looking for a
volunteer to help with social media engagement.

5. **Pollinator Pathways Update**: P.Turner said they are taking donations through
Monday, April 11th, but there will not be a match. They've had 18 donors. Trifold
brochures will be available at the Wheeler Library and TBalestracci will post it online.

Two garden beds will be added to the Wheeler Library and the Congregational
Church. Planting will happen mid-May. People are encouraged to sign the pledge to
not over mow their lawn, or use pesticide, chemicals, fertilizer and to plant blooming
flowers.

6. **Sustainable North Stonington Website & Facebook Updates**: A.Kahn and
TBalestracci continue to share content to the Facebook Sustainability page.

7. **Public comment**: B.Mastroianni suggested following the Governor’s executive
orders to see if there will be an extension on virtual town meetings.

8. **Adjournment**: Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:30pm by
A.Kahn/C.Fasullo. Motion carried 4-0.

**Next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Toula Balestracci, Secretary