Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee of Woodbridge, CT

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:00pm

Woodbridge Town Hall – Selectman’s Conference Room & Virtual Meeting

Present: Members: Hillary Drumm – Co-Chair, Beej Ahern. Virtual: Lor Ferrante Fernandes, Lana Marcucio (absent), Alyssa Anderson, Nita Lathia – Co-Secretary, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Leslie Lyons, Tom Kenefick – Co-Chair

Members of Public: First Selectman Mica Cardozo

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 6:11 PM
2. January 10, 2024 minutes– Change the date and approve
3. Public Comment: Mr. Mica Cardozo message: Learning about the committee and will help as needed.
4. Leslie’s comments on contacts for the 55+ up communities (Monica G) in light of Linden changing ownership. Coachman square, willows, senior center
   - Leslie spoke to the recreation director at Coachman
   - Recycling
   - Open to having talks about pollinator paths, donations, etc
   - Diana can do an energy-saving workshop with them while it's still cold
   - Help them start their own green team
   - Weekends are difficult as families come for a visit
   - We will call back
   - Woodbridge Senior Center (Kristy Moriarty) is open to doing a lunch and learn.
5. Earth Day celebration collaboration with the Library
   - Hillary met with Mica Cardozo & will meet with Library next week
   - Save the dates for the community organizations
   - Reserved the UI bus
   - Schedule Demonstrations, presentations etc. Similar format to other local Earth Day celebrations from years past.
   - Some things can be all day.
   - Bethany is not doing their own Earth day. We can invite them to visit our celebration
   - Household tips that can be easily implemented. Ex: toilet leak detectors
   - Seeds packets
   - Set a goal - how many from town, outside nonprofits organization, and private companies we can host
• Massaro can’t do tours until 4:00 PM
• Scavenger hunt – planned by kids and parents hunt
• Bird walk with the Woodbridge Rec, Land Trust, Massaro etc
• Farmer’s market or table from a farm (Town Line on Baldwin), local produce. Hillary will ask Jennifer on Tuesday at noon. Alyssa will call other farms after that Savino Vineyards, Townline Farms, Off Center Farms, Massaro, Sorenson, any others?
• Nita to reach out to Save the Sound if there is interest.
• Extra volunteers. Recruit folks, please!
• Nita and Tom are out of town on April 27

  C. food trucks – Hillary is working on this—everyone has access to spreadsheet list. Survey requested plant based/vegetarian options. We can decide on optimal # /variety of trucks with library. Coffee can be in the morning. Ice-cream truck can be in the afternoon.

  D. live acts (music & performances)—in process of reaching out to schools for bands/theater/dance. Consider other local talent? Open mic?

    Hillary will send out spreadsheet of organization of 4/27 event

6. Sustainable CT

  A. Leslie will talk to Warren Connors by 1/24/24 regarding what can be checked off on the Sustainable CT document to date.

    • Warren has been busy due to the weather but can sit with us and help us fill it out.

7. Lectures:

  A. Feb 17- Composting with Domingo Medina/Massaro [Flyer is ready]- please post!
  B. March 16- Recycle CT or if not confirmed soon, can do pollinator pathway
  C. April 20- skipping due to Earth Day 4/27
  D. May- Trails of Woodbridge/RWA water conservation
  E. June- How to get to NET Zero as a town or individuals

8. Sustainability tip in WTN [Could not get to this item]

    A. articles assigned, report back on progress

9. Adjourned at 7:12