

Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Virtual
Meeting
January 11, 2023

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Katie Fratoni, Susannah Everett, Matt Lisy, Josh Walters, Laina Hancock, Kirt Mayland (guest), Allen Corson (staff), Bill Trietch (staff), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by chairperson Stoddard.

Introductions were made.

On a motion by Hancock/Lisy, the December 14, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

Kirt Mayland, energy lawyer working for the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaption (CIRCA), described how CIRCA would like to assist municipalities in developing energy resiliency. Distressed and grid-edge communities are their priorities. CIRCA's goal is to have municipalities drive energy strategy rather than react to developers. Mayland offered to come to the Town, if Mansfield would like CIRCA's assistance.

As a follow-up to the implementation of the Climate Emergency Resolution, Stoddard reported that she recently contacted the Town Manager regarding the status of Town departments identifying climate actions (already implemented and new strategies) to reduce GHG emissions in their operations.

The February meeting will be dedicated to Sustainable CT. Stoddard will recuse herself, so Walters offered to chair the meeting. Walton will invite Sustainable CT staff, Jessica LeClair, to attend the meeting to review the new gold standard and assist in strategizing.

Fratoni stated that she continues to post information about reducing waste on Facebook. Most of the feedback is supportive of the ideas she shares.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton