

Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Virtual
Meeting
March 8, 2023

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Susannah Everett, Bill Lennon, Al Fratoni, Katie Fratoni, Peter Millman, Jen Stone and Bob Pirrie (guest), Abbey Massaro (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

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

Members introduced themselves and welcomed Jen Stone, Bob Pirrie and Abbey Massaro.

On a motion by Everett/Lennon, the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with A. and K. Fratoni abstaining.

On a motion by Everett/K. Fratoni, the order of agenda item Deconstruction Policy was swapped with Climate Activist Community Network.

Abbey Massaro from the Center for EcoTechnology explained that CET offers deconstruction assistance for Connecticut municipalities. She shared a few different community approaches. CET is currently working with the Town of Westport and is available to assist Mansfield. Connecticut has the infrastructure to receive used materials. The key to successful deconstruction implementation is contractor buy-in. Walton will forward the March 28, 2023 Deconstructing Deconstruction webinar information and deconstruction guidance documents to committee members and the building department.

Jen Stone and Bob Pirrie spoke of their climate action experience in East Linton, Scotland. Climate Action East Linton connects with the community in positive ways with seed swaps, tree plantings, a wildlife network, tool library and repair café, to name a few examples of the group's initiatives.

The April meeting will be devoted exclusively to Sustainable CT.

Walton reported on the status of the packaging extended producer responsibility bill. She will send information to members.

Future agenda items – Smartpower battery storage incentive, deconstruction.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton