

Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Video Conference  
April 14, 2021

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Bill Lennon, Susannah Everett, Peter Millman, Matt Lisy, Sena Wazer (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

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

On a motion by Millman/Lisy, the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved.

Members discussed the revisions made to the climate emergency resolution by Stoddard that incorporated feedback from the Town Attorney, Mayor and the Committee. Suggested changes – reference the Town's data tracking currently in use, commit the town to setting a carbon neutrality date of 2030 for municipal functions using language from Middletown's climate resolution, expand reference to the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan and the Climate Action Task Force recommendation and ask departments to look at their purchasing practices. On a motion by Millman/Lisy, the resolution was approved once these suggested edits are made. Stoddard volunteered to finalize the resolution and send to staff for Town Council consideration.

Wazer and Millman gave a report on bills working through the state legislature.

- SB 356 – affordable energy efficiency programs
- SB 882 – codifies executive order for carbon neutrality
- SB 551 – Air pollution and environmental justice
- SB 1037 – bottle bill update
- SB 884 – transportation carbon pricing
- SB 127 – allowing the sale of electric vehicles in CT

Future agenda item - a discussion about a regional energy coordinator shared between towns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton