Present: Lynn Stoddard, Katie Fratoni, Al Fratoni, Peter Millman, Bill Lennon, Matt Lisy, Laina Hancock, Jen Stone (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by chairperson Stoddard. Hancock was seated for Susannah Everett.

Introductions were made. Jen was welcomed to the meeting.

On a motion by K. Fratoni/A. Fratoni, the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

Members reviewed the Climate Action Resolution that went into effect September 13, 2021. As stated in the resolution, this spring key staff members reviewed municipal baseline energy data. At the next meeting, the Committee would like review the baseline data. Stoddard requested an update from the Town Manager. Walton was directed to invite him to a future meeting.

For the upcoming September 24, 2022 Celebrate Mansfield Festival, the Sustainability Committee is hosting two booths – regional pollinator pathways and climate action. Resident Melissa Sheardwright is arranging the pollinator pathways activities. For the climate action booth, Hancock is preparing a jeopardy-style board game. Hancock may bring a bicycle that produces electricity as an additional activity. Jen Stone and Bob Pirrie offered their help at the climate action booth. They will connect with Hancock. Stoddard may be able to loan a canopy. Electric vehicles will be showcased during the Festival, thanks to Peter Millman and Nancy Silander.

Continuing the conversation on committee member actions, K. Fratoni stated that she is committed to posting one waste prevention action a month on Mansfield Connection Facebook. Lisy is ready to rekindle the EO Smith Green Team with two students eager to get started with reducing cafeteria waste. Hancock would like to start a climate café.

Jen Stone reported that she and Bob Pirrie were living in a Scottish village focused on sustainability actions, and asked to share ideas that came out of that experience at the next committee meeting.

Walton’s report: (1) school zero waste progress - met with key staff members and Region 19 Board of Education to advocate for zero waste teams at each school. (2) With Southeast School demolition completed, the Committee would like to have an accounting of the materials that were recycled and salvaged for reuse. (3) The Sustainable CT application has been submitted for silver certification. (4) A municipal building needs assessment was completed. There may be opportunities for the Sustainability Committee to weigh in on sustainable building uses. Walton will invite the Town Manager to report on the assessment at an upcoming meeting. (5) The DPW garage photovoltaic system is ready to produce power.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton