

**Town of West Hartford Conservation and Environment Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 30, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
**Virtual**

The Commission was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Matt Macunas, Emilee Scott, Ted Newton, Shawn Daly, Roni Rodman, Rick Bush, and Jessica Schaeffer-Helmecki

**Old Business:**

- Scott moved to adopt the minutes from the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting as modified by a friendly amendment offered by Daly, seconded by Bush.
- Stephanie Keohane has resigned from the Commission. The Commission thanks her for her service and wishes her well in future endeavors.

**New Business:**

- Marc Riccio of Highland Electric Transportation delivered a presentation on school bus fuel types. Options include gasoline, diesel, compressed natural gas, and electric. Each fuel type has its own profile of costs, infrastructure requirements, and strengths and weaknesses.
- Town Recycling Coordinator Katherine Bruns delivered a presentation on the Town's recycling efforts and challenges presented by the current economic conditions around recycling. Katherine urged the public to move beyond the "three Rs" and consider six Rs: Rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, rot, recycle. Non-recyclable material is unfortunately often placed in recycling bins, causing contamination and rejection of the load and/or damage to machinery. She directed members to the town's online Waste Wizard as an example of outreach efforts. There was discussion of how guidance could be made simpler and more understandable to the public. Katherine additionally updated members on the town's participation in the state-wide Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM).
- Discussion of the Town Energy Plan was tabled until the December meeting.
- Members discussed establishing procedures for conducting meetings.

Adjournment at 9:13 pm motioned by Newton, seconded by Daly.