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Sustainability Advisory Group

Meeting

Date: June 16, 2021

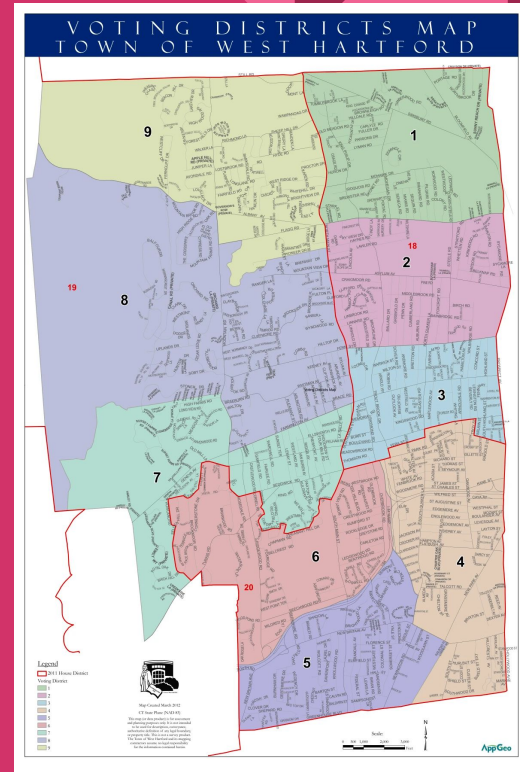
Start Time: 6:30 PM

Agenda


- SAG Map Exercise
 - SAG Scope of Work - *review and wishes*
 - Sustainable CT - *certification, actions, and working groups*
 - Meet Sustainable CT Fellows
 - Action Example
 - Next Steps
 - Q&A?
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Map Exercise

- SAG “shall be comprised of residents reflecting a diversity of voices and interests from across the community.”
- Who’s here? Who’s not?
- MIRO board [link](#)



Scope of Work

- The Sustainability Advisory Group was created for specific purpose. When that purpose is fulfilled, the group's role is complete.
 - Two phases of work likely, 10-12 months?
 - 3 months: Sustainable CT -- application due Aug 24!
 - 6-9 months: Broader discussion and development of recommendations to present to Council on how to move forward on sustainability -- priorities, policies, practices, projects, programs?
 - May include (as group sees fit) small group work, research, gathering data/public input, speakers, collaborating with other organizations or towns, etc.
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Sustainability Wishes

- Would like to propose that we share all the sustainability wishes from 1st SAG meeting with Town Council in a letter
- Would like a couple of volunteers to help craft letter
- Will send around the Minutes, so you can edit final wording of your wish by June 30

Member Introductions


Name	Yrs in WH	Odd or Even	Sustainability Wish
1. Catherine Diviney	0, Simsbury	Odd	That the Town take a more visible top-down approach to sustainability with leadership, Council and BOE requesting action rather than ideas being pushed from below. Get all remaining street lights (decorative) converted to LEDs.
2. Christine Feely	4.5	Even	See WH move strongly, assertively towards energy efficiency, clean and renewable energy at all sectors
3. Dan Masciello	2	Odd	More transparency from town with information about what town does with our waste
4. Daniel Becerra	2	Even	WH have more robust cycling infrastructure
5. Edward Perzanowski	10	Even	Greater adoption of complete streets and bike lanes. More resilient transportation system
6. Grace Furia	16 Entire life	Even	Works for CT Coalition to end homelessness; goal for CT and WH provide access to homelessness prevention resources; McKinney

Sustainable CT Certification

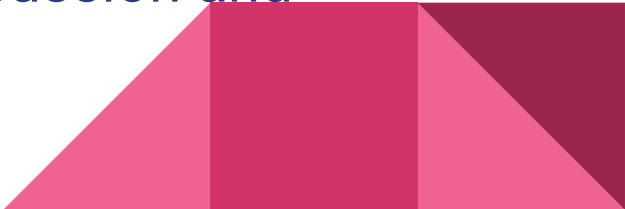
- 2018, achieved Bronze certification
- 2021, going for Silver (currently highest level)
 - 400 pts, 1 action in every category (#1-11, #12 & #13 optional), 3 equity actions
- Tracking actions in master spreadsheet (emailed)
 - 545 pts, 1 action in every category, 3 equity actions (TBD)



Actions

- Required documentation for each action must be uploaded to the Sustainable CT webportal by Aug 24, 2021
 - Reviewers are very strict about submissions meeting all requirements - read Action carefully!
 - Sustainable CT is a **municipal** certification program; the Town must play a role in the action.
 - Typically, actions must be completed on or after Jan 1, 2018 (3 years).
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Action Working Groups

- We have assigned 10 (easier) actions for this group to work on.
 - Working groups are a step in the process to completing the application for silver certification with Sustainable CT.
 - The expectation is anything worked on/discussed in the working groups will be presented to the Sustainability Advisory Group as a whole for further discussion and finalization.
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Action Assignments (emailed)

Action	Sub Action	SAG Member
1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity	1.3.1 Statement	Natalie Mendes, Heidi Green
3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways	3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens	Luciana Grandstrand, Kim Hughes, Jane Roth, Maura Beaudreault
6.1 Implement Complete Streets	6.1.5 Bronze Level 6.1.6 Implement projects	Edward Perzanowski, Johannes Evelein, Kathleen Roche
7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings	7.3.2 LEED Gold Charter Oak	Julia Farber, Catherine Diviney
7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan	7.5.1 a-b Municipal Energy Plan 7.5.2 a-d Residential Business Energy Plan	Bernie Pelletier, Stephen Sack, Catherine Diviney, Michael Bryne
8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event	8.1.1 a-c 10 Events	Preeti Dua, Ted Goerner, Kevin Nguyen, Jonathan Humphrey, Christine Feely, Hendree Milward, Jay Stange, Michael Elfenbaum
8.3 Train Municipal Representatives	8.3.1 b Train Commissioners	Ted Newton, Bernie Pelletier, Denisse Gutierrez, Erin Conneely
9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste	9.1.1 Staff and Data	Katherine Bruns, Dan Masciello
9.4 Develop a Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Campaign	9.4.2 WHPS food waste or Residential pilot	Katherine Bruns, Kathye Cipes, Lindsay Whitcomb, Vanessa Borkowski
10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces	10.4.1 Community Gardens	Luciana Grandstrand, Kim Hughes, Jane Roth, Maura Beaudreault
11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options	11.3.2 Accessory Dwelling Amendment	Mary Donegan, Dan Beccera
12.2 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness	12.2.1 Designate employee 12.5.2 Funding	Grace Furia, Rachael Virgin, Denisse Gutierrez

Depending on how this goes, may work on other actions:

- This year?
- Next year?
- Recommend to the Town Council for future?

I'm lost - Help!

- Don't worry! You are not alone (working group)
- Staff liaisons - Catherine & Katherine
- Sustainable CT Fellows
- Walk thru an action example
- Next Steps
- Q&A?

Sustainable CT Fellows

- Meet the fellows who are assigned to the Capitol Region Council of Governments for the summer
 - Sean Roach - sroach@crcog.org, 203-600-8870
 - Thomas Bonitz - tbonitz@crcog.org, 203-213-8061

Action Example

- 4.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture
 - 4.2.1 Establish Poet Laureate

Submit: A copy of the resolution, ordinance, or other supporting documentation.



Next Steps

1. Read your action
2. Catherine will send email to working group with additional information
3. Decide how you will proceed as a group
4. Work on action and come to next meeting (June 30) prepared to give an update.

Q&A? Comments?

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