



WEST HARTFORD SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY GROUP

SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING

March 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Group was conducted as a virtual public meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on West Hartford Community Interactive: YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pmw0OG2_Txk

MEETING MINTUES

1. Debrief on March 3, 2022, SAG Presentation to Public Works, Facilities & Suitability Standing Committee – *Presentation is done! Not a lot of feedback at the meeting itself – hopefully commissioners are still digesting. Catherine has a follow-up meeting with Rick Ledwith, Acting Town Manager on next steps including scheduling an initial Commission “Review/Refresh” meeting.*

Kim Hughes suggested doing some additional “close-out” publicity – that the group’s work is now completed and sharing the presentation. Various ideas were generated for this: Facebook, press release, Town website, media, Sustainable CT, etc. Catherine will also check with Public Relations.

Group also talked about desire for the SAG to continue to meeting informally (outside the Town). Hendree Milward will take the lead on organizing first meeting and letting SAG members opt in or out of new email list and potentially adding additional interested residents.

2. Review Action Recommendations (Appendix in presentation) -- *Group went thru the presentation appendix and look at items that are in the works or could be started without the Town’s immediate help works (e.g., Ted Groener/tree planting, Kim Hughes/pollinator gardens, etc.).*

Informal “follow-on” meeting will also be a way for people to work together on this.

There were questions about dates for Sustainable CT equity training. 2022 dates will be posted here when available: <https://sustainablect.org/support-for-your-town/equitysupport>

Interest was also expressed in Community Conversations (Heidi Green) and WHPS Green Teams (Kim Hughes, Katherine and Catherine).

3. Town's sustainability website – *Building content for the new Town's sustainability website was a final TO-DO of the SAG in the presentation. Katherine and Catherine have a google doc that will be shared so people can contribute content. Structure is currently topic-based:*
 - a. *What Town is doing*
 - b. *What You can do*
 - c. *Resources to get started*
 - d. *Contact – Ed Perzanowski suggested that maybe 1 central contact would be better than 1 for each topic.*

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