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**Minutes
Kent Sustainability Team Meeting
June 8, 2022
Via Zoom**

Team Members In Attendance: Lianna Gantt, Miranda Lovato, Jean Speck, Joanne Wasti

Visitors: Donna Hayes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02AM.
2. The Minutes of the May 11 meeting were approved on a motion by Lianna, seconded by Jean.
3. The Sustainability Team is co-sponsoring the “Workshop on Native Species and Planting of the Library Garden” event at the Library this Saturday, June 11 at 2:00PM. Lianna explained that the event will take place in the Junior Room. Miranda Lovato will be participating in the event on behalf of the Sustainability Team.
4. Lianna discussed the Town Certification Process for Sustainable CT. The Town must amass 200 points for Bronze Certification. Further, Kent must earn at least 5 points in each of the 12 Action Areas. Kent also must apply the Equity Toolkit to at least one Action.
5. Work on the Poet Laureate Action had stalled. To restart that Action, Joanne agreed to prepare a draft Resolution for the Board of Selectmen.
6. Lianna announced that Kent was awarded its first 20 points in the last review cycle for activities under Action 9.3 (Recycling). The deadline for the next review cycle is August 23. Kent will be submitting materials in support of the Pollinator Pathway Action (Pollinator Pathway Resolution and “No Mow May” materials). Kent will also submit the report from the CRB Workshop for credit. Kent is also working on an Affordable Housing Plan which will be submitted for credit upon its completion.
7. Lianna stated that if the Composting Program is implemented, Kent can earn 10 points. If a Pollinator garden is planted, Kent can earn 15 points.
8. Miranda Lovato explained the Town’s POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) process and discussed the Town’s Draft POCD. Members of the Sustainability Team were pleased that the Sustainability Team is included in the Draft POCD. The Team concluded that we should carefully review the Draft POCD to see if we might suggest any tweaks to further integrate Sustainable CT Actions into the POCD. Miranda suggested Actions 3 and 5 might be specifically addressed.
9. Donna Hayes stated that there will be a POCD Informational Meeting on June 30, with the final document due in September. Donna suggested that we submit the Team’s comments directly to her prior to June 30. The Team agreed to convene for a Special Meeting on Friday, June 17 at 2:00PM to discuss suggestions for additions and changes to the draft POCD. Jean and Joanne committed to attend the June 30 POCD Informational Meeting.
10. Miranda will attend the Conservation Commission meeting on June 8. Miranda had previously agreed to coordinate the Sustainable CT environmental Action items (primarily Action Areas 3 and 5) and serve as liaison with the Conservation Commission on these Action items.
11. Lianna discussed the need to apply the Equity Toolkit to one of the Actions for Kent to receive Certification. Following discussion, on motion by Lianna, seconded by Joanne, the Team voted to apply the Equity Toolkit to Action 4.4, “Provide and Arts and Culture Program for Youth.”

Given the summer vacation, it was concluded that work on this will not begin in earnest until school begins in the fall.

12. Given that summer vacation season is upon us, and given the need to maintain a quorum, Lianna asked that Team members notify her as soon as possible if they cannot attend a meeting.
13. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 10:00AM.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Lianna Gantt

Chairperson – Kent Sustainability Team