

Kent Sustainability Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Attendees: Members Jean Speck and Joanne Wasti

Meeting called to order @ 3:42 p.m

**1. Approval of minutes from December 10, 2021 meeting**

Jean Speck made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Joanne Wasti 2nd. Minutes approved.

**2. Discussion of Sustainable CT Actions**

- a. Jean spoke about action 3.12: Enhance Pollinator Pathways.
  - i. She attended the meeting of the Conservation Commission. Pollinator pathways discussed in conjunction with the Kent Land Trust.
  - ii. Idea for a pollinator pathway behind Town Hall. Can be discussed with the garden club.
  - iii. Joanne Wasti suggested looking into pollinator pathways in town alongside the new sidewalks.
  - iv. Public education about pollinator pathways. Library has hosted a virtual event. More to come in the spring.
  - v. Kent Greenhouse has a section on pollinators.
- b. Joanne spoke about Action 4.4: Providing an Arts and Culture Program for Youth
  - i. Attempted to get in touch with Kent Center School PTO to attend the December meeting. PTO leadership is in transition.
  - ii. Will continue work to assemble a roundtable group.
  - iii. The new Scribble Art studio will be a good resource for youth arts in Kent.

**3. Work on completing paperwork for Community Resilience Building Workshop offered by the Nature Conservancy through Sustainable CT.**

- a. Joanne and Jean reviewed the survey.
- b. POCD will need the report, if they are going to use it, this spring. September 2022 is when the public hearing starts.
- c. The Kent section of the new Hazard Mitigation Plan (2022-27) from the NHCOC will help fulfill the needs of the survey. Jean to fill it out.

- d. **ACTION ITEM:** Reach out to P&Z by January 27 to be put on the agenda for their February 10 meeting. Ask Adam Whelchel from the Nature Conservancy to attend.
- e. Meeting set for Thursday January 27 3:30 p.m. to review the survey. Ask Adam to attend.
- f. **ACTION ITEM:** all members fill out the CRB Participant Workshop worksheet for the January 27th meeting.

4. **Discuss ways to increase membership on the Sustainability Team**

- a. Ask a member or members of the Conservation Commission to join.
- b. Talk to Jessica at Sustainable CT about strategies that have worked for other towns.
- c. Do a PR push on Kent Facebook page and or from Kent Town Hall.

Next meeting February 11, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Wasti