

Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
February 12, 2020

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Bill Lennon, Peter Millman, Susannah Everett, Marie Cantino (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by chairperson Stoddard.

Introductions were made to welcome guest Marie Cantino.

The Committee approved the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting on a motion by Everett/Lennon.

The Committee continued discussion on equity, and considered ways to engage students and those who may not otherwise be involved in civic action.

Stoddard reported that the Pollinator Resolution was passed unanimously by Town Council on Monday, February 10, 2020. Walton will work with Xerces Society to draft a letter asking suppliers to source plants and seeds free of neonicotinoids. For discussion at a future meeting - ways to educate residents about how to live in harmony with pollinators.

Walton reported that the Solar for All team had an initial conference call to review the campaign, and the Mansfield building inspectors and solar installer Posigen met to review permit requirements. Walton will work with the Human Services department during the process. Houses of worship may be another way to reach low- to moderate-income homeowners. Is Katie Fratoni willing to find out whether agreements between mobile home parks and mobile home owners allow for installations? Walton will ask. Mansfield Connection Facebook is a good way to get the word out about the campaign.

CSW Energy is reviewing Mansfield's potential for municipal rooftop installations through the Solar Municipal Assistance Program (MAP). The Director of Maintenance is waiting for their proposal. Once the locations in Town are agreed upon, the installations will be bundled with other participating municipalities and go to the spring ZREC auction.

Walton met with the two UConn students who have signed up to work on a Mansfield climate action project. The students would like to add a webpage about climate change to the Mansfield website. They also proposed offering a presentation to town staff or residents. Members suggested that instead of a presenting they help with an action, such as the Solar For All campaign. Walton will pass this on to them and Julianna Barrett, their instructor.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton