

Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Video Conference  
April 8, 2020

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Peter Millman, Katie Fratoni, Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by chairperson Stoddard.

Approval of the February 12, 2020 and March 11, 2020 minutes were deferred until there is a meeting quorum.

The Solar MAP solar installer has completed their review of Mansfield's municipal buildings and is ready to present their proposal of buildings and electrical rate to town officials. Walton is in the process of getting responses to possible meeting dates. The deadline for the Town to take action is May 15, 2020. Committee members expressed interest in listening to the meeting and offered their help in researching questions that may arise.

Walton reported that although Solar for All has been put on pause, the team has been meeting by phone to prepare informational material now so that it is ready when business resumes. If the shared solar regulations are completed by the time the Solar for All campaign begins, can this option be included in the campaign?

The committee reviewed the Town of Glastonbury's purchasing policy. Adopting a purchasing policy was one of the Sustainable CT actions that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Sustainability Committee last year identified as an action to take. Suggested additions to the objectives include giving priority to local business and consideration for the ecosystem by incorporating pollinator-friendly landscaping. Vehicles should be a category. In order for a purchasing policy to have substance, there should be employee training . Offer purchasers guidance on vendors that carry products meeting the policy criteria. Of the municipalities that have purchasing policies, which ones have offered trainings? How was this done? Stoddard offered to do more research on this.

The committee continued its discussion on equity, specifically where are the opportunities to deepen community connections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton