Minutes
Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Rory Burke, Joey Ortiz, Len Greene Jr., and Dustin Zrelak
Members Absent: Stephan Behuniak
Others present: None

Item #1: Call meeting to order
The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance
All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3: Public comment
There was no public comment.

Item #4: Add Approval of Minutes to the Agenda
A motion was made to add the approval of minutes to the agenda.
  Motion: Rory Burke  Second: Joey Ortiz
  Vote: 4-0

Item #5: Approval of Minutes
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the June 7th meeting.
  Motion: Rory Burke  Second: Joey Ortiz
  Vote: 4-0

  A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the August 7th meeting.
  Motion: Rory Burke  Second: Joey Ortiz
  Vote: 4-0

Item #6: Ongoing projects
The LED streetlight conversion is progressing slowly due to a slow response rate by Energize CT. Fixture design is ongoing.
Solarize Seymour has ended with 10 contracts signed. Pricing session has been extended for 1 or 2 potential additional contracts. This rate is below the predicted sign up rate of 15 (approximately 1 contract per thousand residents). Committee will look into working with the RTC and DTC to examine how to increase participation.
Building Efficiency - Seymour is gathering data regarding building energy usage to provide to Advanced Energy Efficiency. They will examine energy efficient solutions for public buildings such as heat pumps for the high school or fuel cell microgrids for downtown.
The benchmark for town energy use has been completed.
Item #7: Potential projects
The committee discussed Sustainable CT, a lobbying group that provides attainable goals as guidance for more sustainable towns.

- Working with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) was discussed including watershed clean-up ideas, including how to map and analyze for affected areas and how to reduce the worst offenders.

- Additionally, a community garden was discussed as a method of gathering public awareness and interest in the committee. Land for the garden will need to be identified and allocated by the Land Trust. The construction of the garden was discussed as a potential Eagle Scout project, or built using a state grant.

Item #8: Public comment
There was no public comment.

Item #9: Open discussion
There was no further discussion.

Item #10: Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Len Green Jr.  
Second: Joey Ortiz  
Vote: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Submitted by:

Dustin Zrelak