Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Seymour Town Hall

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

Item #1: Call meeting to order
The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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: Ongoing projects:
$10,000 of Energize Bright Ideas grant money was received to be used for sustainable work. Use of the funds will be debated next meeting. How applicants will be selected for home audits will also be discussed at the next meeting. Homeowners will need to pay for the home audits up front and will then be reimbursed for the cost. It was also discussed that the polls this year will be a good turnout for an LED light bulb swap.

New LED fixtures for the LED streetlight conversion project will be delivered within the weeks following the meeting. All streetlights and exterior lights on town property will be changed.

The community garden build has begun. A walking path will be added around the perimeter of the field next to the community center, and the garden beds will be located inside of the path on the side of the field bordering Pine Street. Connecticut Professional Water Services was generous enough to install a connection to the Pine Street water line for use in the garden. Public works will be working to lay underground pipes and install spigots. Garden beds will be a single row along the path and have been donated by Emmet O'Brien Technical High School. Interest has already been shown for the garden, and the Valley United Way will vet the boxes to low income families.

Earth Day is April 22nd and the Sustainability Committee will be hosting a community clean up at a town location. Sochrin's pond is currently the best option, but Great Hill Reservoir, Eagle Scout Landing, and Fountain Lake will be reviewed by Stephan and Dustin as possible alternates. A flyer is being drafted by Audrey for marketing the event. Public Works can lend any equipment necessary. A food and water donation will be discussed at a later point. Rory will advertise the event on the town's Facebook page, the town's website, and by a press release. We will advertise the event specially to local
Boy Scout Troops, the high school Honor Society, and the high school guidance counsellors.

Item #5: Motion to add to the agenda: Approval of minutes
A motion was made to add Approval of Minutes to the agenda.
  Motion: Stephan Behuniak  Second: Dustin Zrelak
  Vote: 4-0-0
Motion Pass

Item #6: Motion to approve meeting minutes from Oct 4th, 2017
  Motion: Stephan Behuniak  Second: Dustin Zrelak
  Vote: 3-0-1
Motion Pass

Item #7: Motion to approve meeting minutes from Nov 1st, 2017
  Motion: Stephan Behuniak  Second: Dustin Zrelak
  Vote: 3-0-1
Motion Pass

Item #8: Motion to approve meeting minutes from Jan 23rd, 2018
  Motion: Stephan Behuniak  Second: Dustin Zrelak
  Vote: 3-0-1
Motion Pass

Item #9: Public comment.
There was no public comment.

Item #10: Open discussion
It was discussed to create a Facebook page for the Sustainability Committee.

Item #11: Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
  Motion: Rory Burke  Second: Stephan Behuniak
  Vote: 4-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Submitted by,

Dustin Zrelak