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Minutes
Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Seymour Town Hall

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

Item #1: Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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

No updates were available for the Bright Ideas Grant.

The Town of Seymour now owns the streetlights in town as part of the LED streetlight conversion. An audit of the streetlights will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting.

The Town of Seymour is seeking a grant for a microgrid through Advanced Energy Efficiency. This effort is part of a Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credit (ZREC). The microgrid will cover areas of the downtown including the health district, police station, Stop & Shop and several other buildings. Advanced Energy Efficiency will be contracted to put together a bid.

The Town of Seymour is seeking a grant for solar and other energy efficiency improvement projects through Advanced Energy Efficiency. This effort is part of a Low Emissions Renewable Energy Credit (LREC). The projects seek to lower the energy cost of maintaining several of the public buildings, specifically the high school.

Item #5: Potential projects

Further discussion occurred on the idea of a community garden. The needs for a garden were discussed including water, public access, parking, space, lights, etc. Potential options for location were discussed including Sochrin's Pond. Ideas for how to construct the project included state grants, donations, and Eagle Scout project(s).

Idea to create an online group for plant and wildlife spotting was discussed. The idea is to set up a social group online where residents can capture pictures of plants and animals around the town and tag/post them for all to see.

The idea was discussed to begin a quarterly trash clean up starting next spring to clean up parts of the community with excess litter.

Item #6: Community Garden

A motion was made to pursue the creation of a community garden.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Joey Ortiz

Vote: 4-0

Item #7: Public comment

There was no public comment.

Item #8: Open discussion

It was discussed to invite previous members of the Naugatuck Valley Audobon Society Board of Directors to a future meeting to discuss their efforts and how our two groups can work together on future projects.

Item #9: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Rory Burke

Second: Joey Ortiz

Vote: 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Submitted by,



Dustin Zrelak