

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

March 10, 2021

5:00 P.M.

Meeting Held Via Zoom Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Hubelbank, Ms. Matteo, Mr. Charles, Ms. Rowe, Ms. Gorra, Mr. Hagenbuch, Ms. Payne, Ms. Gil-Rodgers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Armstrong

CLERK: Mr. Buell

Others: Ms. Dyer

With a quorum present, the chairman called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

Welcome to New Members

Mr. Hubelbank opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Hagenbuch, who is the Executive Director of the Steep Rock Association, to the Committee. He went on to state that at the last Town Selectman meeting Ms. Armstrong who is on the board for the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens had also been appointed to the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Hubelbank continued by stating that he would ensure that Ms. Dyer's application to join the Sustainability Committee be considered at the next Town Selectman meeting.

Consideration of Minutes for the February 10, 2021 Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes for the February 10, 2021 meeting as written by Ms. Matteo, seconded by Ms. Gorra. Passed 8-0.

Review Status of State Action Items

Mr. Hubelbank reminded the Committee that their primary focus currently is to get Washington certified as a sustainable town, and indicated he had been in contact with Ms. Noriega, an intern at Sustainable Ct, regarding the application process. Mr. Hubelbank stated that to achieve certification the town will need to complete the application process before one of two dates, one being in April and the other in August, but that he did not believe that the town will have finished its application prior to the April deadline. The Committee spent the next hour reviewing action items and the work they had done since their last meeting to meet the criteria to get points for specific items.

Old Business

Transfer Station

Mr. Hubelbank explained to the Committee that the Town of Washington does not currently own the land on which the transfer station resides, and that the current lease is up in 2 years. He stated that going forward the town would like to either purchase the land, or enter a long-term lease before performing any large renovations on the property. Mr. Hubelbank then indicated that soon the town will be installing 2 compactors at the transfer station, one for solid waste, other for recycling, and that they are considering switching over to multi stream processing for recyclables. Mr. Hubelbank went on to explain that in the near future, commercial vehicles will be banned from dumping at the transfer station for free which should limit the amount of waste being brought to the transfer station substantially.

New Business

Mr. Hubelbank asked the Committee if any members had new business to discuss, but nothing was brought forward.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Buell

Town of Washington

Sustainability Committee Clerk

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