**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Bryan Memorial Town Hall**

**Washington Depot, CT**

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

October 3, 2018

6:30 p.m. Main Level Meeting Room

Present:

Carrie Rowe

Peter Armstrong

Chris Charles

Monique Gil-Rogers

Jay Hublebank

Sarah Gager

Meeting was opened at 6:20 pm.  Committee members introduced themselves.

S. Gager shared some background on the Sustainability Committee and connection to SustainableCT.  She distributed the Master Action List from the SustainableCT website.  Committee members will review the list and rank each item (green, yellow, or red).  The primary agenda item for the next meeting will be to review the rankings and then prioritize the green and yellow, as appropriate.

NOTE:  Ranking colors are representative as follows:

Green – either already completed or can be completed in 6 months or less with no or very little cost impact to the Town and will be pursued as a priority.

Yellow – Can be completed in 6 to 18 months with some cost and should be further investigated and then prioritized, as appropriate.

Red – Not applicable to Washington and/or not a priority in the next 18+ months.

C. Rowe shared with the committee the efforts under way by WEC (Washington Environmental Council) regarding plastic bags and the BYO campaign.  The intention is to submit a draft resolution to the BoS for vote to ban the use of specific types of plastic bags, effective January 1, 2019.  Enforcement would be effective Earth Day 2019.  Greenwich has had an ordinance in place since September 2017.  (See [byogreenwich.org](http://byogreenwich.org/) for additional information)

P. Armstrong shared with the committee background information on the value of zoning regulations in support of sustainability.  As a representative of the Zoning Commission, Mr. Armstrong will work with C. Charles and review opportunities for potential recommendations for zoning to consider in support of sustainability initiatives.

Schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2018 and 2019 will be as follows:

October 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the main conference room at Town Hall, then the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the main conference room at Town Hall.

Meeting ended at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, pending committee approval,

**Sarah E. Gager**