

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**February 10, 2021**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Held Via Zoom Conference**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Hubelbank, Ms. Mateo, Mr. Charles, Ms. Rowe, Ms. Gorra

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Payne, Ms. Gil-Rodgers

CLERK: Mr. Buell

Others: Ms. Dyer, Mr. Hagenbuch, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Noriega

With a quorum present, the chairman called the meeting to order at 5:14 P.M.

Mr. Hubelbank began the meeting by asking Ms. Noriega, Ms. Dyer, Ms. Armstrong, and Mr. Hagenbuch to give the Committee a short summary of their work, and interest in potentially joining or working with the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Noriega informed the Committee that she is an intern for Sustainable CT and described some of the work she had done previously for this organization. Ms. Noriega went on to state that she would assist the Town of Washington's Sustainability Committee in its efforts to achieve certification. Following this, Ms. Dyer described her work with the farming community and some of the sustainability efforts she had previously been involved in.

Ms. Rowe connected to the Zoom call at this time. 5:25 P.M.

Ms. Armstrong explained to the Committee that she is on the board for the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, and described some of the ways that this organization wished to become more sustainable. Afterwards, Mr. Hagenbuch presented the Committee with a short summary of his role at the Steep Rock Association and described his previous work with sustainability.

**Review Status of State Action Items**

The Committee spent the next hour reviewing the state action items and the work they had done since their last meeting to meet the criteria to get points for specific items. Mr. Hubelbank explained to the Committee that the clerk, Mr. Buell, would become familiarized with the submission process so that the town may begin actively applying to earn points for the action items that have already been accomplished. Ms. Noriega helped the Committee understand the application process as a whole, and addressed specific questions that the Committee had regarding the action items.

Mr. Charles connected to the Zoom Meeting during this discussion at 5:31 P.M.

### **New and Other Business**

Mr. Hagenbuch explained to the Committee that the Steep Rock Association is working on several projects that are not listed by the Sustainability Committee which he felt could be used by the town to gain points towards state certification. He indicated that he will send information on these projects to Mr. Hubelbank.

### **Discussion of Potential New Members**

Mr. Hubelbank asked for those interested in joining the Sustainability Committee to reach out to him, and explained the town's application process for joining a Committee.

### **Consideration of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting as written by Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Charles. Passed 5-0.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Buell

Town of Washington

Sustainability Committee Clerk

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