

Special
Minutes

**Sustainability Committee
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Seymour Town Hall**

Members Present: Rory Burke, Audrey Lenhard, and Dustin Zrelak
Members Absent: Stephan Behuniak and Len Greene Jr.
Others present: Nicholas Cass

Item #1: Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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

The community garden held its ribbon cutting ceremony on May 5th. Circuit Breaker Sales NE, a local business, will maintain the area as an adopt a spot. The Boys & Girls Club has started a gardening club and may use the garden in the future.

The streetlight conversion to LED lights began in May. Crews have been converting up to 80 per day, much higher than the anticipated 25 per day. Road that will require police for traffic and safety will be done last. \$157k in rebates from EverSource, which had initially gone away, are now back. That money will be used to decrease the term duration for the loan with EverSource.

The \$10,000 Bright Ideas Grant money is available for spending towards sustainable activities and products. Home audits are no longer available through EverSource and would now be the responsibility of the town. A light bulb swap is still anticipated to use approximately \$1,000. The bulb swap event will also be used as advertising for the committee. An action was taken to look into prices of printed recyclable bags.

Remaining budget will be used to distribute a town-wide flyer to act as a refresher for sustainable practices to educate the public on ways to be more sustainable.

Additionally, it was discussed that money could be used to expand the number of plots at the community garden. Added plots could be rented out to single use owners.

Sustainable CT is a program designed to engage towns to become more sustainable by achieving tasks and gaining statuses. A town-wide mailer could be used to check off several boxes on the Sustainable CT's list of sustainable actions. Some actions are above the committee's authority and are not practical for Seymour. The committee took an action to work with the Arts and Culture Commission to work on a list of cultural sites in Seymour. At the next Sustainable CT meeting, Seymour will officially sign the pledge.

Item #5: Motion to add to the agenda: Approval of minutes

A motion was made to add Approval of Minutes to the agenda.

Motion: Dustin Zrelak

Second: Audrey Lenhard

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion Pass

Item #6: Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 2nd, 2018

Motion: Dustin Zrelak

Second: Audrey Lenhard

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion Pass

Item #7: Public comment

There was no public comment.

Item #8: Open discussion

The July 4th meeting will be cancelled due to the holiday.

The committee will look into adding bike racks in a future meeting.

Item #9: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Dustin Zrelak

Second: Audrey Lenhard

Vote: 4-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by,



Dustin Zrelak