

SustainableCT Team Meeting.

February 20, 2019

Members present: Irene Schein, Leslie Ricklin, Michael Maggs. Guests present: Ann Lewis, Arielle and Josh Walmsley

Irene Schein, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and told the guests that there are vacancies on the Community and Economic Development Commission which need to be filled and that The Commission and Sustainable Ct team will be working together on several initiatives.

The chair introduced the 9 categories from the SustainableCT sheet with the guests and explained that points must be earned in each category in order to be certified. She also explained the benefits of earning certification .

She then reviewed what projects the Commission is pursuing:

Senior Housing at Pine Acres and what must be done to move this project forward (e.g. writing a proposal, funding, PZC permission, research into other towns □ senior housing initiatives, developing a questionnaire for seniors)

The item regarding recreation was also discussed and the feasibility of having a bicycle event later on in the year.

Recycling is a major topic that the Commission wants to develop and discussion involved strategies to do this: educating elementary school students, better communication with townspeople, etc.

The chair also suggested that the Commission could highlight local businesses on its Facebook page.

Other ideas discussed were ways to beautify the town through sponsoring a campaign to grow flowers, education in □clean□ pesticide use, and the school getting involved in recycling and composting. Other suggestions were to show the movie, □Trashed□ and have a talk about recycling, renting a grinder to create mulch.

The chair asked everyone to think about what they would like to do/contribute and come with their thoughts at the March meeting.

Next meeting: March 13, 2019 at 6:30

Submitted,
Leslie Ricklin, Recording Secretary