

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of July 9th, 2020

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.
2. Roll Call- Members present: Joyce Boncal, Patty Foley, Mark Seims, Karen Serio
Absent: Joe Trombetta Staff present: Robert Hillman
5. Approval of minutes-
Approved no changes
6. Public Participation-
None
7. Old Business-
 - A. Sustainable CT- All events cancelled due to COVID-19. Staff will contact DEEP to reschedule recycling presentation.
 - B. Facebook- Chairperson has been working on cleaning up page
 - C. Earth Day- The event was cancelled due to COVID-19 but the poster contest was still able to be held online.
 - D. Challenge to reduce garbage- Commissioner Boncal commented the commission may want to include reduce trash and increase recycling in the slogan for Earth Day.
7. New Business-
 - A. Sustainable CT- Chairperson Foley commented due to the COVID-19 the certification for 2020 was missed seeing all events were cancelled. The commission agreed to set August 2021 as the new date for submittal. Councilor Budrejko recommended to submit the documents in April 2021 to get feedback from Sustainable CT. Foley explained how the submittal process works and once items are completed they are input to the town's Sustainable CT page so it is a very fluid situation.
 - B. Communications/ Education on Reducing, Reusing, Recycling- Commissioner Siems recommended short video clips on proper recycling and the commission agreed that would be an excellent idea. Siems also recommended a contest for the video clips on proper recycling.

Commissioner Boncal recommended an upcycling contest all commission members where in favor of the idea. Boncal and Siems will work together to prepare a plan.

Foley discussed calendar of announcements and how we need to get the "word" out through all outlets.

Siems will connect with the Chamber of Commerce to educate and spread the word about recycling to businesses in town.

Foley spoke about the equity training provide by Sustainable CT in which Serio and Boncal also attended. Serio commented it was a great experience as did Boncal.

8. Public Participation-

None

9. Commissioner comments-

Boncal comments on how she was excited for the upcycling contest.

Serio stated she would be willing to work on the equity toolkit.

Siems said he would be willing to work with the upcycling contest and would secure gift cards to be awarded to the winners.

10. Adjournment-

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Robert Hillman

Assistant Highway Superintendent