

Town of Montville
Sustainable CT Committee
Amended Meeting Minutes 5-12-2022
April 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m. Room 203 – Town Hall

Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call.** Present were Wills Pike (Board of Education Chairman), Colleen Bezanson (Assistant Planner), Mayor Ron McDaniel, Kathie Doherty-Peck (Senior & Social Services Director). Absent were Barbara Lockhart (Youth Services Director), and Peter Bushway (Parks and Recreation Director).
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Discussion with Equity Coach Ashley Stewart - Ms. Stewart was not able to make the meeting but will be attending the meeting on May 11th.
 - b. Discussion of ongoing projects and proposed projects from various departments or commissions that meet action item criteria. Mayor indicated that he is working on a Live Music Day. Discussion held on the following Action Items
 - 2.2.4 (Sustainable Purchasing) Wills Pike and Mayor will Check into policies at Board of Education and Town Hall and Public Works. Mayor indicated that the Town does use sustainable products but would check into policies.
 - 2.6 (Participate in C-PACE Program) Colleen Bezanson indicated that the Town was part of C-PACE but the resolution was done too long ago to count for the action item. Discussion was held on any known participants at this time. The Mayor indicated that the Meadows had used it in the past but was unaware of any newer projects. Discussion was held that the Economic Development Commission may want to hold an event.
 - 4.2 (Support of Arts and Culture) for Poet Laureate, Funding for the arts, Support of events at libraries. Wills Pike will check to see if the Board of Education still has an annual poet laureate. If so then a discussion can be held if Town Council would want to adopt as laureate for the Town. Colleen Bezanson will look into seeing if funding for activities at school and youth services and to Raymond Library count toward action item.
 - 3.11 (Implementation Green Grounds Maintenance Program) Wills Pike and Mayor will see if any policies at Board of Education and Public Works
 - 6.6 (Manage Municipal Fleets) - Both the Mayor and Wills Pike indicated that the Town and Board of Education looked into electric vehicles but additional funding would need to be made available to help with costs at this time. Both will check into policies at Board of Education and Public Works
 - 7.2 (Reduce Energy across Municipal Buildings) Mayor indicated that in the past it had been difficult setup with little help provided but would look into it again.
 - 7.4 (Increase Renewable Energy in Buildings) - Wills Pike indicated that the Board of Education has been tracking the solar usage from the new system and will work on getting data.

5. **Other Business:**

- a. Updates from meetings with Boards or Commissions. Colleen Bezanson spoke of the collaboration of the Economic Development Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department on working on a Passport to Montville and how the Conservation Commission was going to have a trail cleaning day within the next few months.
- b. Discussion was held regarding changes to help people to find some information easier and to look at the metrics to see where people are going. Discussion about adding things to the calendar and how it is underutilized by Committees and Commissions.

6. **Correspondence:** Email from Dan Mullins of the Eastern Ct Conservation District in regards to educational programs available regarding the Niantic River Watershed. Discussion was held in regards to the Rain garden at Murphy School , which the Mayor nor Wills Pike was aware. The Mayor indicated that he had sent information to the Conservation Commission a long time ago about the possibility of it going there. Colleen Bezanson will check into it with the Conservation Commission at its meeting next week.

7. **Remarks from the Public.** None

8. **Adjournment.** Motion was made by the Mayor and seconded by Wills Pike. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm

Submitted By *ColleenBezanson*