

Town of Montville
Sustainable CT Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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.** Colleen Bezanson called the meeting to order at 3 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All rose and said pledge of allegiance
3. **Roll Call.** Present were Kathie Doherty-Peck (Senior & Social Services Director), Colleen Bezanson (Assistant Planner), Barbara Lockhart (Youth Services Director), and Peter Bushway (Parks and Recreation Director). Absent were Mayor Ron McDaniel, Wills Pike (Board of Education Chairman).

There were issues with the zoom call and meeting was delayed to 3:20 pm

4. **New Business:**
 - a. Discussion with Equity Coach Ashley Stewart
Discussion was held regarding what we learned from the Datahaven data and what the Committee thought might be an area of the population that is underserved. Colleen Bezanson indicated that that the data showed that the Asian population had a high percentage of linguistic isolation and that translators for adults were young children who may not fully understand what they are being told to translate. Ashley suggested reaching out to places of worship and cultural organizations not only in Montville but to look at the region for contacts to start conversation about what are problem areas. Barbara Lockhart and Kathie Doherty-Peck made recommendations about contacting the Casino and TVVCA about who they use as translators as well as looking at the local colleges to see if students would want to help translate at meetings as part of thesis projects. Discussion was also held how getting anyone interested in joining commissions was hard. Ashley suggested an open house to show people what the offices at Town Hall do and what each of the commissions does and that some towns have used you tube videos to educate people. She also suggested that an announcements for meetings should be done in multiple languages if possible. The Commission will work on getting more information about translators and see if they can get contacts to start the conversation.
 - b. Discussion of ongoing projects and proposed projects from various departments or commissions that meet action item criteria- During the Discussion with Ashley Stewart Barbara Lockhart explained some of the projects that have been done
5. **Other Business:**
 - a. Updates from meetings with Boards or Commissions. Since the discussion with Ashley Stewart was long items will be emailed to the Committee and discussed at the next meeting
 - b. Approval of Minutes from meetings of 4/13/2022 and 4/27/2022. Colleen Bezanson indicated that there were typos in the 4/27/2022 minutes that needed to be fixed. Motion was made by Barbara Lockhart seconded by Kathie Doherty- Peck to approve the minutes of 4/13/2022 and revise minutes of 4/27/2022 to fix the typos. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Motion Carried

6. **Correspondence:** none
7. **Remarks from the Public.** none
8. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn By Barbara Lockhart seconded by Kathie Doherty Peck.
Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm