

Town of Montville
Sustainable CT Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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 Colleen Bezanson (Assistant Planner), Barbara Lockhart (Youth Services Director), Wills Pike (Board of Education Chairman), and Peter Bushway (Parks and Recreation Director). Absent were Mayor Ron McDaniel, Kathie Doherty-Peck (Senior & Social Services Director)
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Introduction and Discussion with the Sustainable Intern - Annika Shiffer-Delegard. Annika spoke on her role as a liaison for the Committee. She created a spreadsheet for the Committee to see the action items and what has been completed and total points to help them keep track.
 - b. Discussion of ongoing projects and proposed projects from various departments or commissions that meet action item criteria. The following Action Items were discussed
 - 1.2.1/1.2.2 Equity Training – Discussion was held on the training and what type of training could be considered since Barbara Lockhart has taken training. In addition the question was asked if it would count if someone came to one of the Committee meetings and did training. Annika Shiffer-Delegard was going to look into different scenarios and get back to the Committee.
 - 2.3.1 Business list and Map – Colleen Bezanson said she had worked on creating a list for the Economic Development Commission (EDC). She also discussed a survey that was done by the Town of Ledyard that Elizabeth Burdick the Town Planner had seen. Annika Shiffer-Delegard indicated that she can help with surveys and was going to check to see about doing one for EDC.
 - 2.3.2 Buy Local Campaign – Colleen Bezanson indicated that she and Peter Bushway were still working with the EDC on a Passport for businesses.
 - 4.1.2 Update of CTvisit- Annika Shiffer-Delegard explained to the Committee that there has been a change since June 1st that the update of CTvisit website can no longer be used.
 - 4.1.1 Tourism and Cultural Asset Map - Annika Shiffer-Delegard said she could help with the process and discussion was held to see if there could be possible partnership with the Mohegan Tribe.
 - 10.3.2 Maintain a smoking Reduction Campaign – Colleen Bezanson checked with Jessica LeClair and she indicated that the Kick Butt Program at Youth Services would count and Barbara will send the information to Annika Shiffer-Delegard to write up for submittal
 - 10.3.3 Policies on Reduction of Tobacco Use- Colleen Bezanson checked with Jessica LeClair and she indicated that the Tobacco Free Community Recreation Ordinance from 2011 and the Board of Education Smoke and Drug Free school grounds from 2016 can be used. Wills Pike indicated that the Board of Education has recently made updates to this. He would get the information to Annika Shiffer-Delegard. Colleen Bezanson will ask the Mayor to look into any updates by the Town Council.

- 12.1.1(a) & (b)- Colleen Bezanson will send Annika Shiffer-Delegard the information regarding Kathie Doherty-Peck becoming the Homeless liaison.
- Equity- Peter Bushway indicated that he had recently met Maria Matos a representative of the Mosaic Coalition. The Mosaic Coalition's mission is to connect communities through programs, educational and cultural events. The Committee agreed that they should invite Ms. Matos to a meeting to discuss how the program can benefit Montville. Discussion was also held on the possible creation of a survey with to help understand the needs of the underrepresented members of the community in a variety of languages. Barbara Lockhart and Wills Pike indicated that we should get a list of the local churches and food banks as well. Barbara Lockhart indicated that Youth Services had done a needs assessment in the past and we could look into that format and how they were trying to resurrect some clubs that had been disbanded at the high school and hoping that that club could interact with members of the Senior Center. Discussion was also held about having a community meeting in addition to the survey.

5. **Other Business:** Annika Shiffer-Delegard suggested that the Committee at the next meeting look at action items 2 and 3 and develop a plan for those items. Wills Pike indicated that it would be easier to take one action item at time. This will be added to the next agenda.
6. **Correspondence:** None
7. **Remarks from the Public.** None
8. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn By Peter Bushway seconded by Barbara Lockhart. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm