

Town of Montville
Sustainable CT Committee
Meeting Agenda
October 26, 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 opened the meeting at 3:10 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), Peter Bushway (Parks and Recreation Director) and Wills Pike (Board of Education Chairman) Mayor Ron McDaniel and Kathie Doherty-Peck (Senior & Social Services Director) were absent.
4. **New Business:** None
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Discussion of collaboration with MOSAIC. Barbara Lockhart and Colleen Bezanson will work on a draft resolution that can be sent by the Mayor to the Town Council to formally state that the Town and the Sustainable Committee will form a partnership with MOSAIC.
 - b. Discussion on Action Item 1: Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts
 1. Update on discussion with Jessica LeClair of Sustainable CT from Barbara Lockhart. Barbara indicated that her meeting with Jessica was rescheduled as Jessica's work schedule will be changing. They will meet before the next meeting. Barbara will ask for clarification on timeframes, as there has been some confusion. As part of that she will clarify if starting a project would count vs completion of the project. Barbara Lockhart briefly spoke about the new Montville Citizen Alert System from Everbridge. This system allows those who sign up to choose a language that they would like to be notified on the voice or text communication method chosen. It allows users to select what is of interest to them from Town events and also to be alerted for emergency situations or safety concerns. She will discuss with Jessica to see if this will count towards Action Item 1.
 2. Discussion of projects that might meet Action Item 1 requirements
 - a. Discussion of Town Hall Open House Options. The Committee further discussed options for an open house. All agreed it was possible but other options may be more beneficial. These were discussed under agenda item 2(b)
 - b. Discussion of creating video of departments translated into different languages. The Committee discussed the possibility of having a large touch screen monitor/tv in the foyer of Town Hall which could have options for translations into different languages. The monitor would allow residents to choose a department and find out information about it in the language of their choice. Translations would be discussed with Maria at MOSIAC to see what would be available. Another suggestion was that department videos could play on a loop.

Discussion was held on how local high school or college students may be able to help as part of their media classes. This would reduce the cost and provide educational credits to students. Discussion was held regarding the Community Booklet that is put out and if it could be translated. Barbara Lockhart and Peter Bushway indicated that the cost has gone up for publishing but they would check to see if a translated version could be done digitally. A message could then just be printed on the cover indicating that translated versions are available. Again, translations could be done with the help of MOSAIC. Barbara Lockhart also asked if the information from the Community Booklet was given to MOSAIC if they could translate and incorporate it into any material that they may provide to the community. This will be followed up on by Peter Bushway or Barbara Lockhart.

- c. Free Tablets program update. The Committee is still waiting for an update from Kathy Doherty-Peck and the Mayor about a survey for senior and social services. Wills Pike indicated that he would discuss it with Laurie Pallin. Barbara Lockhart indicated that she had the Norwich flyer on her bulletin board at Youth Services and has seen a few people scan the QR code for the event in Norwich.
- d. Discussion of ongoing projects and proposed projects from various departments or commissions that meet action item criteria.
 - 1. Follow- up of action item 7.1. Wills Pike indicated that he was still working with Steve Carroll to get the information but it has been hard to get the numbers. He will also look at all of Action Item 7 to see if there are any other areas that can more easily be accomplished, with a new option being Action Item 7.3 Achieving High Energy performance for Individual Buildings. He indicated that Eversource determined that we are the #1 school district for energy savings in CT because of the solar field and the high school being so efficient. Discussion was held again regarding Board of Education building being municipal buildings. Barbara will check with Jessica on why Sustainable CT thinks is the difference.

Peter Bushway indicated that he will talk to Maria from MOSAIC to see if they would like to participate in the parade this year. He also mentioned the business scavenger hunt that is being sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Colleen Bezanson is going to see if the Economic Development Commission will discuss with Peter to collaborate if possible. Colleen Bezanson indicated that the Economic Development Commission Survey was going live on October 28th. This will help to create a business list which will be used to create a locational map of businesses. In addition the Economic Development Commission had a presentation from the CT Green Bank on the CPACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) program. The Commission will decide if they will be hosting an event for local businesses on this financing program. Barbara Lockhart will be having a meeting with a representative from the Courageous Conversations National Organization. This group comes to towns to provide training to help address racial disparities.

6. Other Business:

- a. Approval of Minutes from meeting of 10/12/2022. MOTION by Peter Bushway and seconded by Barbara Lockhart to approve the minutes of 10/12/2022. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Motion Carried

7. Correspondence: None

8. Remarks from the Public. None

- a. **Adjournment.** MOTION by Peter Bushway and seconded by Barbara Lockhart to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.