

Town of Montville
Sustainable CT Committee
310 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT 06382
December 14, 2022
Meeting Minutes
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:**
 - a. Discussion on Action Item 1: Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts
 1. Update on discussion with Jessica LeClair of Sustainable CT from Barbara Lockhart of projects that might meet Action Item 1 requirements. Barbara Lockhart indicated that she had spoken with Jessica LeClair from Sustainable CT and the Everbridge System should meet a requirement for Action Item 1. Further information has to be obtained about the languages chosen by participants. The questions in the toolkit still need to be addressed and Barbara will look into this for the January Meeting.
 2. Discussion of Action item 1.3 and MOSAIC Coalition. Barbara is also going to ask that Maria Matos from MOSAIC be part of a meeting she will schedule with Jessica for January. Discussion on how to incorporate MOSAIC into a possible statement of equity.
 - b. Discussion of updates to Action Items for 2023 submittal. Colleen Bezanson indicated that the new submittal date for 2023 will be April 4, 2023 by noon. She explained how some of the action items have been changed in both points value and in what can be submitted for the action items. Under Action item 4.2 the points were changed and you now get points for individual actions. Barbara Lockhart was going to work with Council Chairman McNally to establish the Poet Laureate. Discussion was held regarding emergency generator installations at the Community Center and at the school. If installed could these buildings be used as cooling centers. Barbara Lockhart was going to look into cooling center information and see if we could fill out the worksheet for action item 10.6.2(a). Discussion was held regarding the Farmers Markets and how they no longer are considered a sustainable event under action item 8.2 but could be used 10.5. Discussion was held on EV charging stations and how the Public Works Director may revisit having them in Town. The Farmers Market Committee will have to be contacted to see if they are certified or want to be certified. Discussion will also be with Jessica LeClair about the definition of farmers market that is now required. One things that can be added to the sustainable events is hazardous waste pickup that is held yearly with SCCRA at Tyl Middle School. Under 9.4.2 Christmas tree pickup would qualify and all that is needed is the contract from the public works director of who removes the trees. Changes were also made to Action item 12 that will require Kathie to attend more webinars/classes regarding homelessness.

5. Old Business

- a. Free Tablets program update. Barbara Lockhart will work with Maria Matos from MOSAIC to get a rollout date for the flyers. Barbara suggested that this be included in the Community Booklet that comes out in February. Discussion was held regarding having the event in March.
- b. Discussion of ongoing projects and proposed projects from various departments or commissions that meet action item criteria.
 1. Follow-up of action item 7. Wills Pike indicated that he is working with Steve Carrol to get the information for the schools. Discussion was held regarding 7.3 (High energy Performance for Individual Buildings) and the ENERGY STAR labeled Building and Plants page. The page indicates some BOE buildings, however, the certification is from 2017 and therefore will not count because it is out of the 3 year time range. This may just have to be updated. Discussion was held on the years of data that is required for submission.

Discussion was held that the Economic Development Commission survey had to be republished since there were not many businesses that replied. Discussion was held that the Conservation Commission would be holding another invasive insect species event in March.

6. Other Business:

- a. Approval of Minutes from meeting of 10/26/2022. Motion made by Wills Pike seconded by Peter Bushway to approve the Minutes of 10/26/22/ Voice Vote- All in Favor- Motion Carried
- b. Approval of 2023 Meeting dates. Motion Made by Wills Pike and seconded by Barbara Lockhart to Approve the meeting dates of 2023. Voice Vote – All in Favor-Motion Carried
- c. Election of Officers. Peter Bushway made a motion to nominate Colleen Bezanson as Chairman/ Seconded by Wills Pike. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Motion Carried. Colleen Bezanson made a motion to nominate Peter Bushway as Vice Chairman/Seconded by Wills Pike. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Motion Carried. Wills Pike made a motion to nominate Kathie Doherty-Peck as Secretary/ Seconded by Peter Bushway. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Motion Carried.

7. **Correspondence:** None

8. **Remarks from the Public.** None

- a. **Adjournment.** Motion made by Wills Pike and seconded by Barbara Lockhart to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm. Voice Vote- All in Favor- Meeting Adjourned at 4:20.