

Brooklyn Conservation Commission Sustainable Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00pm Brooklyn Town Hall

Present: Diane Wimmer, Jeannine Noel, Dana Heilemann, Carolyn Teed-Ives, and April Lamothe; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Colleen Dollard, Sustainable CT Municipal Support Liaison

- 1) **Call to Order:** Diane Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Jeannine Noel made a motion to approve the April 1, 2019 minutes. Carolyn Teed-Ives seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3) **Guest Speaker – Colleen Dollard, Sustainable CT Municipal Support Liaison:** Colleen Dollard works with the eastern Connecticut towns that are registered with Sustainable CT. She did some background research of Brooklyn to see if any actions have been completed and found the Town has been involved in low impact solutions, rain barrels, pollinator workshop, pay by the bag for garbage, among others, which can be counted. Diane Wimmer asked if the Conservation Commission purchasing the developmental rights for land on Barrette Hill Rd would fulfill any actions. Colleen Dollard said that the Action to Develop Agricultural-Friendly Practices should meet the criteria for purchasing the land rights and having an open space fund.
 - **Certification:** Colleen Dollard told the Committee about the two certification levels: bronze and silver. To achieve the bronze status, one action in each of the nine categories, including the Equity Tool Kit, must be completed and obtain 200 points. To achieve the silver status, one action in each of the nine categories, including three Equity Tool Kits, must be completed and receive 400 points. Certification lasts for three years.
 - Diane Wimmer mentioned that Rick Ives added \$1,000 in the budget for the Sustainable projects, if needed. Colleen Dollard mentioned that Sustainable CT is working to put a funding program together, maybe this fall.
 - **Equity Toolkit:** Colleen Dollard explained that the toolkit is a way for the Committee to look at actions in a different point of view. A short narrative describing how the Team applied the Equity Toolkit to the action of their choice.
 - **Timelines:** Colleen Dollard explained that each action has a look back period. Typically, the look back period is a year to two, but some of the actions are ten years or since a certain year. She also said that the Sustainable CT calendar runs from August 1st to July 31st, which will affect the look back period.
 - The Actions were reviewed and discussed as how they pertain to Brooklyn. The Sustainable CT website shows what other towns did to complete their actions.
- 4) **Other Business:** The next meeting will be held on June 3rd.
- 5) **Public Comment:** None
- 6) **Adjournment:** Carolyn Teed-Ives made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Dana Heilemann seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sincerely Submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary