

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** September 18, 2023

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Location:** Town Offices, back room

**Members Present:** John Majercak, Jody Lally, Beth Girshman

**Others Present:** Véronique Blanchard, Allison Gage (FRCOG), Nelson Schifflett, Liv Wyatt

Meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Members and guests briefly discussed the draft mission statement for the Committee and Jody proposed a slight edit. Beth made a motion to approve it as amended, which was seconded by John, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The purpose of the Conway Sustainability Committee is to help the Town identify, develop, implement, and manage programs and policies that equitably advance decarbonization and resilience to mitigate the negative impacts of the climate crisis and to protect and improve the health and prosperity of our community, economy and environment.*

Allison and Veronique briefed attendees on the scope and timeline of the recently awarded MVP grant focusing on planning for mitigation of flood hazards in the center for Town. A kickoff community meal is being planned for 10/21 rain date 10/22, with more community events to follow. Technical work by consultants should result in recommendations for priority projects the Town can seek funding for in May.

Members explained the next steps in adding members and heard from Nelson and Liv on their potential interest in joining. After the committee hears from others who have expressed interest, the select board will make any appointments.

Other agenda items were tabled due to lack of time.

The next meetings are scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the back room of Town Offices. Allison will see if she and Chris Mason from DOER can attend the 11/13 meeting and if so the main topic will be the Green Communities Program. The Committee plans to use Zoom to allow for remote participation at meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

John Majercak