



Sustainable Durham

Agenda: April 7, 2026 Durham Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

1. Attendance
 - a. Present: Krista Bauchman, Tonya Buddie, Liz Conroy, Erica Fisher, Katie Hughes, Carly Koebel, Susan Michael
 - b. Absent: Trish Dynia, Laura Francis

2. Approval of February 3, 2026 minutes - motion to approve by Katie Hughes and seconded by Krista Bauchman - all in favor

3. Application Update: The current application has been scrubbed and most of the action items rolling over have been updated. Currently, the committee is waiting for responses from several other town committees and departments to complete this task. Currently we have 280 points; 200 are required for Bronze certification and 500 for Silver. We have achieved 50 points toward Climate Leader certification (150 total are needed.)
 - i. The Equity toolkit which will apply to 8.2 and item 2 are still required to be completed.
 - b. Krista and Katie completed the list of businesses.

4. Sustainable CT Action Items
 - Review Action Item 6 -Clean and Diverse Transportation Systems and Choices
 - 6.1 Reaching out to Complete Streets for the supporting documentation from their activities to finish this action item.
 - 6.2 and 6.3 Will not be pursued.
 - 6.4.1 Carly to reach out to Sarah Atwell regarding a program about EVs.
 - 6.4.2 Tonya will reach out to Ron Cappozzi to see if he would like to take a training class on municipal EV use.
 - 6.4.3 Will not be pursued. The balance of 6.4 will not be pursued.
 - 6.5.2 and .3 Will reach out to Complete Streets and Bill Kurtz at the high school to ask about recent programs they have run and to get relevant documentation.

6.6 Will not be pursued.

5. Scavenger Hunt update - Durham 250 will not be moving forward with a Scavenger Hunt. Carly will complete the list of places and the map and forward it to Sue to be posted on our FaceBook page and the town website.

6 . Earth Day Adopt-A-Road is set for April 25th between 9 - 11 am. Erica will be working with the Park and Rec director and committee as Adopt-a-Road will include Park Cleanup. Erica is purchasing some give-aways and Park and Rec will provide donuts, coffee and snacks. Discussion was held on educating the public about recyclables. Erica also presented the flyers and banners that will be purchased. The committee approved the expenditures.

7. Roundtable: Sue is holding a Mosquito Bucket workshop to demonstrate an environmentally friendly way to control mosquitoes. This program was developed by Home Grown National Parks.

COEC has held a Night with Fossils and Native Seed Saving workshops.

Sue will attend a meet and greet session with CT state legislators and other Sustainable communities. This is a great opportunity to meet folks from other towns to talk over their strategies and to show the legislators how the appropriated funds are being used.

Kudos to Tonya for the massive amount of legwork she did over the last two months updating our certification application!

Sue and Liz will not be at the May meeting. Carly may not be as well.

Motion to adjourn made by Tonya, seconded by Liz at 8:14 pm. Approved.

Next meeting: May 5, 2026, 3rd floor Durham Town Hall