Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Members Present: J Geci, K Zullo, D Wilson, C Liley, H Simko, L Losee

Attending: D Raap, First Selectwoman; N Boccio, Litchfield Public Works Liaison

Minutes from January 13, 2021 – correction: the Sustainable Litchfield Liaison is John Post., not James Keithan. Corrected minutes accepted unanimously.

RECYCLING SHED UPDATE

N Boccio shared the statistics on the tonnage of materials collected and recycled for the first 6 months. There was a 37% increase in revenue, covering all expenses on the materials that have a cost to dispose.

EPOC ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION FOR GRANT

N Boccio filled out an application for grant for $23,000 to fund toters at school and municipal lots. N Boccio has put in a request for a sandwich board to give information at the Recycling Center.

Members discussed the possibility of organizations in the community collecting composting, including at the Tapping Reeve Meadow. K Zullo will be organizing a home composting workshop with Lynn Fulkerson for the spring.

C Liley reported on a meeting with A Devaux and Dean Birdsall on the possibility of composting at the high school. C Liley noted the need to have composting on site. L Losee suggested the need for a student club to handing composting, but a teacher is needed for continuity. Wamogo does compost. C Liley and K Zullo will reach out to see how their compost program is run.

PUBLICIZING, EDUCATING, LEGISLATING POSSIBILITIES

The Litchfield.bz article on composting was well received. K Zullo proposed a weekly social media post to convey information about Litchfield’s SMART team initiatives and general recycling and composting news.

PROPOSED ANSWERS TO SECTION 9.2.1 FOR POINTS TOWARDS BRONZE LEVEL IN SUSTAINABLE CT PROGRAM

J Geci was on a call with the Sustainable Litchfield. They will apply for the Bronze level by mid-March with the SMART committee member information and meeting schedule.

DISCUSSION OF IDEAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION STATEMENT

J Geci wants statement on how we will implement the mission we set out for ourselves. D Wilson commented that it must be user friendly.
EARTH DAY PLANNING

J Geci in his conversation with John Post and Dean Birdall in the Sustainable Litchfield will be organizing an Earth Day week, including daily events at the school.

Road cleanup. D Rapp suggested having home compost bin order, pickup, and information on composting. N Bocci and J Geci discussed having pallet compost bin making workshop. D Raap will look into the Aquarian Rain Barrel program. D Wilson suggested using barrels that he has at the Sewer Treatment plant for the rain barrel program.

L Losee raised the question of how to adjust the program if things are locked down.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo