

Sustainable Litchfield Committee



Regular Meeting

3:30 pm Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Bantam Annex

MINUTES

- Call to Order: 3:33pm
 - Barbara Carr, Margaret Hunt, Jeff Zullo, Carrie Szwed, Dean Birdsall
- Approve any outstanding minutes
 - J. Zullo motioned to approve both the Minutes from our last regular meeting on 8/11 and the Minutes from our Special Meeting on 8/25. DB seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- New Actions Updates – committee initiatives
 - J. Zullo did not end up meeting with SusCT Fellow about the Actions he needs to turn in. B. Carr and J. Zullo will meet to get those Actions submitted.
 - C. Szwed has not had the chance to chart out the responses to the Communication Survey, but will do so by the next meeting.
 - D. Birdsall reiterated the need to have a town employee as a liaison on, or working with, our Committee. J. Zullo said he would talk to 1st Selectman Raap about that.
 - D. Bordsall has primarily been focused on 3.3 - Engage in Watershed Protection and Restoration. The work being done could account for 55 Action points! He announced that the Conservation Commission is hosting a program at Litchfield Community Center on Sep. 30 about the Restoration of Riparian Areas. Litchfield Land Trust is sending invitations out to every landowner with riparian land in town.
 - We discovered that the SusCT Action List has a section about rodenticides - 3.11 - Implement Green Grounds and Maintenance Programs
- New Business

- Cassandra McKenna, Torrington resident, and Lisa Shirk, Newtown Conservation Commission, gave us a presentation on the harmful effects of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides on wildlife, as well as the work they have done in Torrington, Newtown, and beyond to ban its use. Cassandra will be presenting to the Litchfield BOS on September 15.
 - C. Szwed made a motion for SusLitch to support a town policy that would ban the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) on municipal properties. M. Hunt seconded. All in favor. C. Szwed will attend next week's BOS meeting as a representative of SusLitch in order to announce our support of the ban.
- Adjournment and next meeting date
 - Adjourned at 4:35pm
 - Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 3:30pm in the Bantam Annex