Sustainable Litchfield Committee Meeting
3:30 pm, Tuesday, March, 23, 2021
Remote Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Call to Order at 3:35pm
Present: Dean Birdsall, John Post, Diane Field, Jeff Zullo, Margaret Hunt, with 1st Selectwoman Denise Raap as Guest/Zoom Host.
Absent: James Keithan, Raz Alexe, Ben Buck, John Morosani, Carrie Szwed, Patty Laure

Approval of 3/2/21 Minutes: Margaret motioned to approve. Diane seconded. Motion carried.

Bronze Action Tracker Update/Review

Category 1.1.1: Energy Forum Campaign completed. John Post sent around a draft of a word doc to Diane and Jeff, and both said it looks good to go. Ready to submit.
Category #2.6.1: BoS approved C-Pace. Jeff is waiting for Nick Zuba at Green Bank to release the agreement. John Post will email Nick to press for getting the agreement in time to submit for Bronze. Denise said the delay might be that their records show Litchfield as not having approved C-Pace yet. Jeff asked for clarification on what to submit.
Category #3: All set.
Category #4:
4.1.2: Margaret only needs to get Evan to put Litchfield CTVisit link on town website.
4.2.5: CDC will be approving Arts Council next week.
Category #5: All set
Category #6: All set
Category #7: 7.7.1a-c is in development for submission.
Category #8: All set
Category #9.1.1: Dean updated. He just needs to input the waste recycling data he received from Jerry Geci.
Discussion about how to use the data: Dean asked if Denise could make the two years of data available for the public on the town website because the data for reducing waste is awesome. Jeff wondered if the data could be put in a dashboard with a tracking method. Denise said that was possible; Naomi gets monthly data. Jeff said that the BoS should establish a town goal for cost savings to offset the cost increase of tipping fees. Denise suggested that commercial entities (nonprofits, churches, restaurants) should pay their own tipping fees as incentive to reduce their waste. Discussion ensued about how to do that. Denise will ask Jerry Geci to add that topic to the Smart Task Force agenda for their meeting next week. All agreed that this was exciting.
Category #10: All set.
Category #11: 11.1.1: Jeff is still waiting for documents from Jill Musselman at the Housing Trust. Should be able to submit by end of the week.
Category #12: NA
**Category #13:** Optional, but Margaret agreed to look at putting the Logo competition materials together to see if they might be submit-able for 5 points for Bronze.

**Bronze Points Status:** 225 submitted plus 40 “teed up” plus 5 possible for Innovative Logo totals 270 points, and we only need 200 for Bronze.

**Actions to Move to Silver**
What Bronze actions can we move to Silver and recount for points? John Post said be aware that we already have 2 innovative actions for Silver: broadband and facilities committee.

**Announcements**
1. Litchfield Garden Club Beautification Committee (Anna Hays and Jane Barley) would like to know what other areas besides the Town Hall they could beautify. Denise suggested that they should connect with Sustainable Litchfield. They will be coming to the April 6 meeting. Be thinking what Actions for Silver might fit their interests. They have a $1,500 budget from the town.
2. Diane reported on progress on Action item 1.3 Draft an Equity Statement. So far we have invited and recruited members for a writing team. Held an info meeting last Monday, selected a team of 10 and held first team meeting yesterday. A high energy group.
3. Our next meeting will be on Tues, April 6 at 3:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Margaret motioned to adjourn. Dean seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 4:18pm.

Submitted by Margaret Hunt, Temporary Secretary

John Post, Chair