

**Haddam Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**  
**Old Town Hall; 21 Field Park Drive**

**Attendance:** Joanne Nesti, Sarah Neal, Gail Reynolds

Note that there were technical difficulties, and no one was able to attend via Zoom.  
No recording was made.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by chairwoman Joanne Nesti at 6:31 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** said by all

**Motion to Accept Agenda:** Motion was made by Gail Reynolds and seconded by Sarah Neal and was passed unanimously.

**Motion to Accept Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2024:** Motion was made by Sarah Neal and seconded by Gail Reynolds and was passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Food Scrap:** Linda Talbott sent in her report that the March food scrap collection was 4,875 lbs which brings overall poundage taken out of the MSW to 115,030 lbs or 57.5 tons since December of 2021. For the last several weeks, we are filling on average 10 food bins per week at the Transfer Station. The program is a huge success.

**Trex Plastic:** Kristin Battistoni sent in her report that we have collected 1,180 lbs of soft plastic since November of 2023. The next goal is 2,000 lbs. Joanne reported that the system is working well; we have a number of volunteers who collect the soft plastic from the Transfer Station. Neal Perron continues to take the soft plastic from the new shed located behind the Town Office Building once a week when he brings the Senior bus to Middletown, and he drops it off at Stop and Shop.

**Textile Program:** Teresa was unable to attend the meeting because of the technical issues. She did email Joanne with a list from Bay State Textiles of items that can and cannot be included in their bins placed around town. Items include clothing, accessories, shoes, and linens.

## **New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Joanne reported the information from Kristin's report.

The town budget approved to give the Sustainability Committee \$3275. This is for supplies (\$1175), Shred It Event (\$1100), and Projects (\$1000). We spent \$100 for an ad for the upcoming Shred It Event and \$35 for a Recycle Sign to be placed at the Transfer Station.

**Shred It Event:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Shredding Event will take place on Saturday, May 4, from 9 am to noon at Haddam Elementary School. Joanne distributed fliers which we can post around town and said that volunteers are needed.

**Sustainable CT Progress:** Linda Talbott submitted Haddam's application for the bronze certification on April 9, and we hope to hear a response in May. Program assistant Dorothy Piszczek, who met with Linda and Helen Hastings on March 25, indicated that we have more points than needed, but all the mandatory 12 action plans need to be accepted.

**Trex Bench Placement and Plaque:** Kristin has asked where we are going to put the new bench we have acquired from Trex. It was suggested to put it next to Phil Goff's memorial rock in Higganum Center and have a plaque made in memory of former Assistant Town Clerk Ann Riebold.

**Presentation to Sarah Neal:** Sarah was presented with an orchid plant for her induction into the HK Hall of Fame this May. Sarah thanked Joanne and the Sustainability Committee for this kind gesture.

## **Next Meeting: May 28, 2024**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Gail made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sarah Neal. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Neal, Secretary Pro Tem