

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025 AT 5:45 P.M., ROOM 207/209, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.,
CHESHIRE, CT 06410**

Present: Fiona Pearson, Don Walsh, Greg Wolff

Staff/Guests: Sean Kimball, Town Manager; Vincent Masciana, Cheshire Public Schools Chief Project Officer; Erica Biagetti, Cheshire Public Schools Director of Food & Nutrition Services; Emily Taylor, Cheshire Public Schools Chief Operating Officer

Absent: N/A

Fiona Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL.

Noelle Shepard called the roll, and a quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. NEF ENVIRONMENTAL FEE REVENUE.

Sean Kimball reviewed the revenue from the environmental fee since the start. \$35,816 has been expended, and the current balance is \$34,906.

4. SCHOOL COMPOSTING PILOT PROGRAM.

Emily Taylor explained that the Board of Education would be requesting \$33,378 from the NEF Environmental Fee revenue to continue the school composting program. This includes start-up fees for expanding to Dodd that would not be reoccurring.

Emily Taylor updated that they are still waiting on CT DEEP's response to the Board of Education's grant application. Via the grant application, they requested \$261,980 – includes start up and move to compostable products.

Greg Wolff mentioned a company that retrieves reusable dishware, washes them, and returns them. He inquired if the schools had looked into this and mentioned he would follow up with the information. Don Walsh inquired when the composting program would be added to the BOE budget.

Don Walsh motioned to send to the Town Council the Sustainability Committee's recommendation to appropriate \$33,378 for the food waste and composting for Chapman, Doolittle, and Dodd as presented with the stipulation that should the Board of Education be successful with their CT DEEP grant application, the funds will be reimbursed back to the special revenue account. Greg Wolff seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously 3-0.

5. SUSTAINABLE CT TEAM UPDATE.

Fiona Pearson updated that the application is due tomorrow, and they are still waiting on some information regarding homelessness.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Don Walsh motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Greg Wolff seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Attest: _____
Noelle Shepard, Management Specialist