

**Sustainability Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
5:45 PM  
Meeting held In-Person**

**Members Present:** Peg Hackett (Co-Chair), Gene DeJoannis (Co-Chair), Patrick McKee, Kevin Beals, Zach DelGaizo, Oksan Bayulgen, Bill Chudzik, Terry Robinson, Daniela Luna, Jeri Beckford

**Members Not Present:** Jeff Schlegelmilch, Harun Ahmed, Van Kaini, Paris Bazemore

**Also Present:** Courtney Lindberg, Coryn Clark, Dennis Schain, Sam King

**Public Comments:**

Coryn shared she was struck by Jeri's comments in the last meeting regarding concerns with equity in various neighborhoods related to blights and their effect on perception, property value, aesthetics, etc.

The organization Power Up was mentioned as a potential partner/grantee organization interested in funding from ARPA. See link for more info: [who we are – Power Up Manchester](#)

**Adoption of January Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Zach moved to approve the January minutes and Gene seconded the motion and all members voted in favor, with Patrick abstaining.

**Deputy Director Sustainability Updates:**

Courtney shared that we are preparing an application for the second round of funding dedicated to the EnergizeCT program to offer Technical Assistance and engagement efforts for residents to understand what kind of energy savings programs are available to them. This is for home owners, landlords, and renters. Austin Murray is taking the lead on this application and the Sustainability Commission will be listed as a partner on the application. If we are selected, we will form a sub-committee to assist in the program development, Eversource facilitation, and implementation.

**New Business:**

Sam King with Blue Earth Composting joined us tonight to present on their business and what it means participate in a program with Blue Earth. They have a large service area in CT including residential, commercial, townwide, special events, etc.

Sam's presentation is attached in the email with these minutes.

Peg asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Adjournment:** Zach moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motions and all members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm. Members then moved into the main meeting room for a presentation on the draft POCD report. This was not part of the Sustainability Commission meeting, but was the driver for meeting in person at Work\_Space.