Members present: Paula Jones, David Hager
Member absent: Zellene Sandler
Guests: Carmela Garofalo; Stephanie Bahramian; Bob Dickinson; Claudia Gwardyak; Stanley Hawthorne, Town Manager

I. Call to Order and Roll Call: 4:31 PM

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of June 9, 2022 Minutes – Minutes approved as presented

IV. Environmental Planner Report – Stephanie Bahramian asked for CEEC support providing documentation for Sustainable CT. (Bloomfield has a Sustainable CT intern to help Stephanie with the application.) In particular, Stephanie thought CEEC could assist in these categories: Managing Woodlands and Urban Forests (e.g. TREES FOR BLOOMFIELD Initiative); Connectivity; Open Space Inventory (Wintonbury Land Trust may be able to assist); Pollinator Habitats (include Bloomfield Beautification Committee work); Composting. The (new) requirement is to have activities in all 13 categories. We need 200 points for Bronze (re)certification, 400 points for Silver. The next deadline for certification consideration is August 22. (There will be another opportunity in the spring.)

V. Old Business

(a) Energy Plan Update – Consultant Barton & Loguidice (B&L) is in the process of gathering the baseline data from the town and school district.

(b) EPA Funds for Clean School Bus Rebates (Update) – David Hager, Claudia Gwardyak, and Paula Jones met via Zoom with Elisa Pierce (School District Grant writer) and Representative Bobby Gibson about this opportunity. Since the Bloomfield District is not list (for the purposes of this program) as a “priority” district, the consensus is to not rush to submit an application in this first year. We will continue to work on this with a view of being prepared for later rounds of funding.

(c) TREES FOR BLOOMFIELD Initiative Update – The Trees for Free Community Project is moving along right on schedule.

(d) CEEC meetings – Our regular August will be. Paula Jones will host a social potluck on August 30th at her home.
VI. **New Business:**

(a) Artificial Turf - Paula Jones attended a webinar titled: “*Lunch and Learn: What's the Problem with Artificial Turf.*” The webinar was presented by Citizens Campaign for the Environment and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). The presentation covered the environmental, public health, and safety issues associated with the use of artificial turf. Paula forwarded copies of the presentations to the Committee, and suggested CEEC consider the available evidence about issues associated with Artificial turf. Bloomfield High School has an artificial turf field, and its use is being considered in the development of a plan for Bill Lee Fields/Rockwell Park. This topic will be placed on the September agenda for further discussion.

(b) Recycling bin at Town Hall: DPW had obtained a bin for recycling. Where is this bin? We had heard that the fire marshal had some concerns about placement of the bin in the Town Hall lobby. CEEC would like to see written confirmation from the Fire Marshall about what the concerns are, since the bin was obtained by Public Works through a state grant.

VII. **Announcements/Updates/Upcoming Events from the Committee**

- Shred Day (9 am – 1 pm), Windsor Sustainability Fair (11am – 4pm), both on October 1, 2022.

- The Community launch of Justice Dance Performance Project’s new yearlong performance series, *In the Presence of Trees* is on July 19 (3:30 – 8 pm) at Bushnell Park. The second event in the series will take place in Farmington River Park on Sunday, October 16th from 3 – 5 pm.

VIII. **Public Comments** - none

IX. **Adjourn:** 5:45 PM

Next meeting date: September 8
Additional Meeting Dates for 2022 – 2nd Thursday of each month: October 13, November 10, and December 8

Submitted by Paula Jones