I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm

Members Present: Paula Jones, David Hagar, Zellene Sandler

Members Absent: None

Guests: Stanley Hawthorne (Town Manager), Jose Giner (Town Planner), Stephanie Bahramian (Environmental Planner), Tony Anderson (Director of Energy Operations, Operation Fuel), Ellen Castaldini, Claudia Gwardyak, Don Weigt

II. Approval of Agenda – Approved as presented.

III. Approval of October 14, 2021 Minutes – Approved as presented.

IV. Environmental Planner Report

Stephanie Bahramian reported on several topics:

- All American Waste will be starting a free pilot program on organic waste collection for two streets in Bloomfield. Stephanie will keep CEEC informed.

- Terra Cycle collects materials and recycles plastics. There is a lawsuit vs. the company because it was not recycling materials it collected. The company showed no remorse.

- New laws are in motion holding producers responsible for recycling with a state mandate to take back their recyclables.

- Stephanie is gathering resources for a new Bloomfield Farmer’s Market. Branding, connecting with information and resources (e.g. SNAP) are being explored. (Stephanie will connect with Tonya regarding Operation Fuel services to residents.)

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Climate Emergency Plan RFQ Update - Jose Giner will set up a meeting concerning the Climate Emergency Plan RFQ. David Hagar expressed concern that we are falling behind since funds have been allocated in the current fiscal year’s Budget. If possible, Stanley Hawthorne is requested to attend the meeting.

- TREES FOR BLOOMFIELD Update - Two events will conclude our 2021 calendar of events. (1) A Tree Silhouette guided walk is scheduled on November 20th at Reservoir 2 behind Seabury. (2) The Trees for Bloomfield photo contest winners were notified. The Messenger will have a four page insert with the pictures. A reception will be held on December 9th at 330 Park from 6 to 8 pm, where the photos will be displayed. (Both these events were co-sponsored by the Bloomfield Beautification Committee and by Bloomfield Leisure Services.)
- **Environmental Justice and Community Resilience** - CEEC would like to know the Town Council’s official position regarding environmental justice. A statement from the town is needed.

- **CEEC Priority Setting Session** - Claudia stated that the CEEC needs more members, and that we should refocus attention on current issues.

- In 2022, a new Plan of Conservation and Development will be started. This will be a true town wide plan for the next 10 years.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Annual Report** - The Annual Report is due on November 19th, with highlights of the CEEC. Paula had edited and presented our section. Shred Day is tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2022.

- **Proposed Meeting Dates for 2022** – The proposed calendar was approved as presented. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8. We will continue to meet via Zoom until we are able to meet in person (using the Hybrid approach).

**VII. Announcements/Updates/Upcoming Events**

Stephanie mentioned the Brownfields report and had suggestions for rain gardens for storm water management.

**VIII. Public Comments** - There were no additional Public Comments.

**IX. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by Zellene Sandler