

**Town of Montville**  
**Sustainable CT Committee**  
**310 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT 06382**  
**January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes**  
**3:00 p.m. Room 203 – Town Hall**

**Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.**

1. **Call to Order.** Colleen Bezanson called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Roll Call.** Present were Colleen Bezanson (Assistant Planner), Wills Pike (Board of Education Chairman), Mayor Ron McDaniel and Barbara Lockhart (Youth Services Director). Absent were Kathie Doherty-Peck (Senior & Social Services Director) and Peter Bushway (Parks and Recreation Director).
4. **New Business:**
  - a. Update from Barbara Lockhart on discussion with Jessica LeClair regarding Action Items. Barbara Lockhart met with Jessica LeClair and discussed the Equity action item. Based on her discussion, the youth action council activities will help to meet all five questions of the equity toolkit as they have sent out surveys in the past requesting data. In addition she will be working with Jessica on Action item 13.1 as well as Action item 8.7 (Engage with Youth on Community Sustainability). She will send drafts to Jessica and then the Committee will be able to see what points could possibly be awarded. Jessica suggested that Wills Pike and Steve Carrol (Director of Facilities) work with Dr. Amy Thompson from UCONN to on energy use at the schools. A follow up will be sent to Jessica after Wills Pike talks to Laurie Pallin, Superintendent of schools.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Updates
    1. Free Tablets program information into community booklet and backpacks. Barbara Lockhart made a suggestion that a survey be put in the Community Booklet with a QR code to see who may be interested in the program. Once the data is collected then the Committee can give Maria from MOSIAC a count of the tablets that are needed and a date for distribution can be set up.
    2. Poet Laureate Town Council Resolution (Action Item 4.2.1). Wills Pike is going to get the information on how the Poet Laureate is selected at the school and what duties may be.
    3. Cooling Centers locations (Action Item 10.6.2(a)). There was no update at this time on the cooling centers.
  - b. Discussion on draft resolutions
    1. Resolution on Inequity. The revision as given to the Committee for review. Discussion was held regarding Barbara Lockhart's discussion with Jessica LeClair regarding what has been already done by the Town in previous years. The Committee will ask Jessica if the Board of Education policy on Equity and Diversity from 2019 may be able to be used if the policy is reviewed this year and the relevance of the existing policy is shown.

2. Resolution on Homelessness. The resolution was reviewed and some changes will be made for the next meeting. The mayor indicated when ready he will present to the Council.
- c. Discussion of ongoing projects and proposed projects from various departments or commissions that meet action item criteria. Colleen Bezanson indicated that she was working on the Natural Diversity Database.
6. **Other Business:**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from meeting of 1/11/2023. MOTION was made by Mayor Ron McDaniel and Seconded by Wills Pike to approve the minutes from the 1/11/2023 meeting. Voice Vote. Mayor Ron McDaniel abstained. Motion Carried.
7. **Correspondence:** None
8. **Remarks from the Public.** None
9. **Adjournment.** MOTION was made by Mayor Ron McDaniel and Seconded by Barbara Lockhart to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote. Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.