

**CITY OF NORWALK
AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Johan Lopez (Chair), Richard Dellinger, Brian Bailey, Jesse Buccolo, Broderick Sawyer.

NON-VOTING: Jan Degenshein

STAFF: Jodi Trendler

OTHERS: Sam Cherubin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted. Members present as noted in Attendance.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sam Cherubin (Scenic Bisel Road) introduced himself and noted his work in sustainability and climate impacts on health. He had no comments on agenda items. Public Participation was closed.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2026, were presented. No corrections were noted.

****MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 13, 2026, AS PRESENTED.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Task Force Update Jodi Trendler provided an update on the Sustainability Task Force. Reports from teams have been received and chapters for the Sustainability Plan Update are being finalized. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM (virtual) and will be posted on the City's Agendas webpage. Next steps include discussion of action plans and community engagement workshops/surveys (including a mobility survey).

B. Energy Programs Updates Jodi Trendler provided updates on the Heat Smart weatherization program (93 interested callers, 34 assessments scheduled, 3 completed) and Solarize Norwalk (25+ appointments, 2 sales including one large ~25 kW system). A new "buy-all" option through Eversource for leasing roof space for solar (with payments offsetting electricity bills) is being explored for promotion, particularly at neighborhood/commercial scale. Funding support is available through Sustainable Connecticut. Outreach and marketing efforts are ongoing.

C. Sustainability and Resilience Plan Update Jodi Trendler reported on a meeting with the Mayor and her team. Final approval was received to proceed with the proposed framing/structure. The Mayor's office has extended Jodi Trendler's contract through December 2026. The plan will be renamed the "Norwalk 2050 Roadmap" (part plan, part vision document) and will continue to serve as a strategic/planning tool integrated into budgeting and operations. Recommendations are being reviewed with department heads, and draft chapters will be sent to the committee for feedback. Community workshops for input are planned.

D. ClearPath 2.0 GHG Platform Overview Jodi Trendler provided an overview and demonstration of the ClearPath greenhouse gas emissions tracking dashboard (ICLEI platform). The tool will be public-facing on the Mayor's dashboard and will track baseline emissions (2022 data), business-as-usual projections, targets (net zero by 2050), and progress on recommendations by sector (transportation, energy, industry, waste, natural resources). It allows visualization of the impact of specific actions (e.g., EV adoption, transit, building efficiency) and includes policy tracking. Data sources are verifiable/reputable, with quality control through documented origins. The platform supports annual reporting (e.g., to CDP) and public accountability.

E. Future Sustainability Planning Matrix Discussion Chair Johan Lopez led a discussion on the future structure and role of the Ad Hoc Sustainability and Resilience Committee (advisory mandate, potential options/matrix previously shared). The goal is to ensure continuity, effectiveness, and collaboration with the Sustainability Task Force and city departments. Input was sought on structural options, best practices from other communities, administrative/financial impacts, permanence of the committee, and integration with broader city planning (e.g., P&Z). Further collaboration with the Task Force and city staff was discussed as a next step.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

****MR. DELLINGER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Baldwin

Recording Secretary