

CITY OF NORWALK
AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Richard Dellinger, Vice Chair (presiding); Joshua Goldstein; Brian Bailey; Broderick Sawyer (joined in progress)

ABSENT: Johan Lopez, Chair; Jesse Buccolo; Anne Wennerstrand

STAFF: Jodi Trendler, Sustainability Coordinator

OTHERS: Councilmember Jan Degenshein (District D), non-member, in attendance; Councilmember Darlene Young, non-member, briefly in attendance

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Richard Dellinger called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the absence of Chair Johan Lopez. A quorum was not yet present.

ROLL CALL

Present at the start of the meeting were Vice Chair Dellinger, Commissioner Goldstein, and Commissioner Bailey. Councilmember Jan Degenshein and Staff Coordinator Jodi Trendler were also in attendance. Councilmember Darlene Young briefly joined as a visitor; as a non-member, her presence did not count toward a quorum. Commissioner Sawyer joined later in the meeting, at which point a quorum of four members was confirmed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public raised their hand or otherwise indicated a wish to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

With a quorum not yet present, the Committee proceeded to New Business while awaiting additional members, deferring acceptance of the minutes until later in the meeting (see below).

A. ClearPath 2.0 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Data and Dashboard Review

Ms. Trendler presented an update on the City's ClearPath greenhouse gas inventory tool; a live dashboard demonstration was not possible due to a technical connectivity issue. She reported that the inventory underlying the 2024 Sustainability and Resilience Plan, based on 2022 data, is being updated using more accurate, Norwalk-specific data in place of national averages, particularly for transportation and building fuel use, including previously unaccounted fuel oil consumption. As a result, the updated estimate is approximately 771,000 metric tons of CO₂, compared to the prior baseline of approximately 610,000 metric tons; Ms. Trendler noted this reflects a more accurate methodology rather than an actual increase in emissions, and that a separate baseline assessment previously conducted by People's Action for Clean Energy had similarly indicated a higher figure. She reported compiling a master list of active city capital projects for emissions-impact analysis, noting that current project volume exceeds recommended staffing capacity for such analysis, and presented illustrative emissions-trajectory modeling comparing a business-as-usual baseline, a scenario incorporating identified projects, and the state's net-zero-by-2050 mandates. She reported that the draft Roadmap remains in city staff review, with review comments to be incorporated by September 28, 2026, and delivery to the

Mayor still targeted for October 15, 2026. She noted an outstanding data gap regarding waste data and a target of September 28, 2026 for finalizing additional ClearPath data inputs, with a longer-term goal of establishing a data-update protocol by the end of December. In response to questions, Ms. Trendler confirmed that presentation of the Roadmap to the City Council remains targeted for December 8, 2026. No motion was made; the item was for informational and discussion purposes only.

B. Community Outreach: Norwalk 2050 Sustainability and Resilience Roadmap

Ms. Trendler reported upcoming community engagement opportunities, including a survey (accessible via QR code) at the Mayor's Night Out event on September 24, 2026; participation in the Touch a Truck event on Saturday, September 19, 2026; and a community workshop at the Maritime Aquarium on September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., coordinated with a task force member employed there, to present the Roadmap and gather public comment and feedback. No motion was made; the item was for informational purposes only.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: August 12, 2026

With a quorum established, the Committee returned to this item. No corrections or additions were proposed. Mr. Bailey did not participate in the vote, as he was not present at the August 12, 2026 meeting.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.**

Roll call vote: Mr. Dellinger – Aye; Mr. Goldstein – Aye; Mr. Sawyer – Aye. Mr. Bailey – Abstain.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (MR. BAILEY ABSTAINING).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE.**

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary