MINUTES EPDC Meeting 06/13/2023

Call to order: 8:00 AM

Present: Barry Reingold, Mary Collins, Ashley Danenhower, Kate Pitt, Louisa Jones, Walter Hinchman, Maureen Nicholson

Approval of minutes: Walter Hinchman, Louisa Jones. Approved

Audience of citizens: none

Old Business:

ERTD update:

New Board. Chris Regan chair. Jill St Clair V.chair

The Board has produced several new handouts that will be distributed around the District. Anthony Anthony is the Director of Communications.

Pomfret Proprietors:

Pomfret Proprietors is off until September. Accepting recommendations for grants based on profits from Townwide tag sale.

The Business Directory is being updated.

Solar array:

Approximately 50 acres of woodland within the Murdock property is being designated as a solar array. EverSource has to expand their substation off of Tracy Rd. to handle the expansion of solar productivity.

Sustainable CT:

Pomfret is now working on achieving Silver status within Sustainable CT. The Town is also looking towards Climate Leader designation.

Ashley asked if her CE classes could be used to qualify for Equity Training. I've reached out to Sustainable CT for an answer.

New Business:

Pomfret map update. Pomfret has used a 50/50 grant to update the Town's business/trails map. It should be done by 6/30/2023.

"Walk Pomfret" is being put together as a means of getting input from our citizens as to Pomfret's SWOT.

Forestry discussion. Pomfret has cleared over 1200 dead/downed trees in town. The emerald ash borer is proving to be a real threat to our ash tree population. In addition to this our

extremes in drought and water have caused many trees to uproot. On a positive note, Pomfret has over 14 state record trees in our Town.

Other:

Thompson CT EPDC town website is being looked at as a model for potential changes to Pomfret's EPDC website.

Submitted:

Charlie Tracy

Chair, Pomfret EPDC