

International Hospitality Committee
Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Meeting
Westport Town Hall, Room 201

The Town of Westport's International Hospitality Committee (ICH) invites the United Nations Association of Southwestern CT (UNASWCT) to participate in its meetings as the two organizations have similar missions and work very closely together, with UNASWCT providing volunteer support and funding as needed for jUNE Day, UN Day, and related events.

The meeting opened at approximately 12:10 with a total of 11 people present: Members included Joan Hass, Bill Hass, Barbara Jay and Aye Aye Thant. Guests included: Derick DeMarche, Arline Gertzoff, Dennis Wong, Diane Cornwell, Sylvia Corrigan, Gloria Nussbaum and Rona Weinstein. Introductions took place after all were present.

The first item discussed was a brief wrap-up of September's Meet & Greet, co-sponsored and funded by the UN Association of Southwestern CT. This included a review of lessons learned and a brief discussion of plans for next year's event.

Other future events were also briefly discussed. Bill Hass provided an update on the cybersecurity program he is initiating. Congressman Jim Himes is available November 8th or 10th. Bill is also in touch with UN officials knowledgeable about the topic. Finding an indoor location at this time is limited due to COVID restrictions, and the program may have to be postponed.

Those present reviewed plans for the annual UN Day program at Town Hall on Oct. 25th. First Selectman Jim Marpe was invited to open the event. Staples High School students and local political leaders, including Jen Tooker and Jonathan Steinberg were expected to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hass, pro tem Secretary