

Sustainability Subcommittee

Planning & Zoning Commission

Charge

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Mission Statement:

To work in collaboration with Sustainable Westport, residents, and commercial stakeholders and within the capacity of the Planning and Zoning Commission to create a more sustainable and resilient town that is in sync with Westport's values.

Objectives:

- To acknowledge the effects that Westport's climate-impacting activities are having on our coastal community and vulnerable communities across the world.
- To identify opportunities in the Zoning Regulations to enable and incentivize sustainable building practices, energy efficiency, low impact development, and renewable energy use while discouraging activities that are causing unnecessary and avoidable harm to our environment.
- To identify opportunities to encourage efficient and sustainable patterns of development, land use, and mobility.
- To ensure that the impacts from climate change are felt equitably across all of Westport's communities and ensure that all communities benefit equitably from climate-related solutions.
- To raise awareness about sustainability programs, initiatives, and actions to increase individual and community participation in climate-related solutions.
- Be open to consideration of technological solutions that can improve Westport's level of sustainability and reduce our impact.