## Minutes from January 2021:

Attendees: Tom Socha, Amy Kalafa, Sarah Hutchison, Hailey Brooks, Alissa Stoltz, Kirby Brendsel, Eric Shrago, Nicci Wiese, Jessie Schwartz

1. Nicci Wiese introduction, and

2. Gifts for Billboard competition:

* Kirby Volunteers Swag for the lower grades
* Water bottles for HS kids
* Maybe we can put the winner or the one the committee chooses on a 4x4 political type sign and put it on the transfer station

3. Initiative Updates

1. Bottle redemption program
   1. 150,000 redeemables since March,
   2. Met with Green team and Engineering team at the HS about building a bin, giving them the requirements, they are working on a design. They will submit to the committee for approval.
   3. Also talked to someone from the Kiwanis Club about moving the bin from the back of the onion barn to the transfer station and retro fit it. If we can get someone (maybe in public works to move the bin) Steve from Kiwanis can help retro fit to meet the green team design.
2. Pollinator Pathway- Update on what we have done.
3. HRRA monthly meetings Sarah Can reach out to Jennifer about the next meeting (we maybe can rotate attendance so no one has to take the whole thing on.

4. Communications/Outreach Update: New website, - no one understands how to update, so we will

* Is there a way to get people more involved?
* Another run of recyclable bags?
* Maybe use the winner of the billboard as a placard for people who committee to some list of sustainable goals like the pollinator pathway placards.

6. Virtual Programing?

* Green Bank webinar Series - Eric to share with group and on FB

7. Sustainable CT Silver Certification -

* Getting the town on the Energy Star Energy Management, Eric and Kirby to go to the town hall to get all the meter numbers and be able to start tracking and getting credit for some of the improvements we have already made
* Nicci to look into this further

8. Committee member Roles New Member search

* Eric was unanimously voted as Treasurer,
* Jessie was Unanimously voted as Secretary,
* Nicci Voleneteered to be co-chair when she gets nominated to the commitee,
* Amy was unanimously voted as Chair

9, Next steps on EV buses is to understand what is happening with the Bus depot, We may need to keep an eye on the economic vitality committee which is also involved with the plans for down town