Sustainable Weston Town Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda - April 2021

Wednesday, April 21 at 7:45PM

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 871 1889 2533**

**Passcode: 218502**

**Dial by phone: 646 558 8656**

Minutes from March Meeting: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15ZUxQFca55p9nqWuCctBjKBM8gk0QpAfo0C4aVCylgY/edit?usp=sharing>

7:45PM - Call to Order

Initiative Updates

Transfer Station

HRRA competition

8PM - Guest: EV Club - Barry Kresch

8:15PM April Events

Sustainable CT Silver Certification

* + Committee roles
  + Intern funding
  + Intern RFP

P&Z Town Center and Affordable Housing Update

Sustainable Fairfield County Update - Jessie

Communications/Outreach Update: New website, facebook page, Instagram

Dot org email addresses - Nicki

No Idling Stickers

New Member Search

**Minutes from March meeting**

7:15PM - Discussion with Jennifer Heaton-Jones

For those of our members interested in recycling, please join 30 minutes early. This will be an opportunity to review our mutual goals and objectives for recycling solid waste in Weston and regionally, and to begin working toward a strategic plan for recycling that we can present to the BOS. (Note: this meeting will be recorded.)

Committee members introduced themselves to Jennifer and we discussed creating a simple strategic plan for solid waste reduction in Weston

7:45PM - Regular meeting

* FOIA meeting report
* Beautification Committee and Mary Hoag introducing Fairfield Tree Planting Program <https://www.fairfieldct.org/treeplanting>

Joined by members of the Beautification Committee and Tom Faila, Tree Warden. Discussion about planting appropriate small trees around and under right-of-way power lines.

* Initiative Updates
  + Bottle Bill / Bottle Redemption Program / HRRA Glass Container - Tom / Haleigh / Evie

Tom and Andy will spearhead Patronicity fundraiser

* + Food Waste
  + Affordable Housing

Committee members will encourage friends and neighbors to respond to housing survey.

* Virtual Programming
  + Earth Day month of May - April 25th at Lachat and April 29 Recycle Right events - - Sarah Hutchinson
  + Green Bank events - Eric

Special meeting will be held next Wednesday to discuss event format and assign responsibilities.

* HRRA Recycling Billboard Competition

Winners will be announced late April. Weston is among finalists.

* Sustainable Fairfield County Update - Jessie
* Communications/Outreach Update: New website, facebook page, newsletter. Dot org email addresses - Nicki
* P&Z Town Center and Affordable Housing Update
* Sustainable CT Silver Certification
  + Committee roles
  + Intern funding
  + Intern RFP

Amy will research Weston Education Fund grant. Amy and Kirby will create intern outreach and application.

* Other - Eric - Energy Mgmt for Town, PURA update
* April meeting date and 2021 meeting schedule

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:

Attendees: Amy Kalafa, Andy Bill, Tom Socha, Sarah Hutchison, Evelyn Miano, Jessie Schwartz, Hailey Brooks, Haleigh Graichen, Eric Shrago, Nicci Wiese Special Guest: Carolyn Hill

* Initiative Updates
  + Bottle Redemption Program / HRRA Glass Container - Tom / Haleigh / Evie
    1. HRRA dropped off new Glass container for recyclables (we want to make sure they dont do redeemables in there)
    2. Roll out new Redeemables containers for Earth Day April 22
       1. We should talk to marketing committee about communications
    3. New signage and EDU campaign for new recyclable program.
    4. Take a video of the right way and the wrong way to throw away the redeemables next time at the transfer station.
    5. Will determine new layout of transfer station with Jennifer Andy, Tom and Todd. Wed or Fri
    6. Shared Green Team’s designs for the Bins
       1. Let Todd and Jennifer to give feedback on Wed/Fri when they go.
  + Food Waste
    1. possible Westport guest next week
    2. FC group said under 10 yrds we dont need
  + Pollinator Pathway/Community Match Fund - Sarah
    1. Winter Sewing Meeting tomorrow
* 8:00PM - Guests: Carolyn Hill and Kerem Dinlenc - Weston Economic Vitality Committee (EVC)
  + 59 committees in weston. So talking to all committees
  + First priority getting us a grocery store
  + Helping weston family to get the criteria they need to get Cobbs mill and keep historical
    1. Eric to connect with Carolyn on ideas for damaged Danm
  + Town owns 7-10 archers near down Town that to develop with Affordable Housing - technically supposed to have 10% adn CT will come down on us.
    1. Still in the getting P&Z to designate a town district
    2. Needed for Silver Certification for sustainability CT
* Virtual Programming -
  + Earth Day and April 29 Recycle Right events
    1. Have a month long day of action each day for May - Starting Earth Day
    2. We have 25th of April at LaChat for family event
    3. April 29th recycling Guidelines
    4. Have a sub committee meeting to discuss ideas
  + Green Bank events
    1. Webinar Series kicks of March 2nd with Kathrine Hamilton talking about clean energy in Bieden
    2. Green investing in April
    3. Legislation coming out soon
    4. Eric to put of the FB page
    5. Energy Mgmt for Town, PURA update mostly up and running still need a few more details on some specific buildings
* HRRA Recycling Billboard Competition
  + We have done the judging and we just need to send to HRRA
  + Prize: Let the green team choose their favorite from all the grades and then we will Fund a blow up version of the winner at Transfer station
* Sustainable Fairfield County Update - Jessie
  + Product Stewardship - Fuel cylinders is the next product that a bill is being reviewed for - if it passes we’ll need to collect those at the transfer station as well
  + Idoling - Do we need bigger signs at
  + EV buses -
    1. We may be eligible for VW funding if we have a bus older than 2009
    2. First Student is doing a partnership with \_\_ for energy storage
* Communications/Outreach Update: New website, facebook page, newsletter
  + Haleigh Graichen volunteering to help build a website for us - she will look for a platform
* P&Z Town Center and Affordable Housing Update
  + Town meeting in Sept and a few opportunities before that to give input Surveys will be distributed first
* Sustainable CT Silver Certification
  + Committee roles
  + Intern funding
* March meeting the 17th and 2021 meeting schedule