**Sustainable Weston Committee**

**January 12, 2022**

**Sustainable Committee Meeting Minutes**

1. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
2. Appointment of Chair
3. Updates on Initiatives
	* 1. Sustainable CT application – Ben
* Two categories, paperwork to repackage, and new goals projects to get gold (which they haven’t published the points for yet
* Ben to share Trainings with Amy Jenner and Martin when schedule is released
	+ 1. Open Space – Ben
			- Add a multiyear initiative to de-damn the Westbrook river and possibly re-link it to the Saugatuck
		2. Invasive removal / Water Wise / Pollinator Pathway – Sarah
			- Partner with Fairfield on invasives webinar
			- Pollinator pathway quarterly initiatives
			- Norwalk also trying to have Eversource stop spraying, sarah to meet with sam nestor about allowing citizens to opt out
		3. Transfer Station - Andy, Tom
			- HS to start collecting all cans and bottles behind high school. Custodians to collect separately. Pending BoE approval.
			- Last year kept 177,840 cans and bottles out of the waste stream and was able to collect almost $9000 to schools, and $5000 donated to local organizations.
			- Dave Unger from parks and rec is on board to collect recycleables from the fields this summer
			- Working through logistics of picking up from laChat and center of town
			- Andy to reach out to field club to see if interested too
			- New signage including a map of transfer station
			- Easier ways to dispense stickers
			- Add mattress recyclying and improve cardboard recycling (dry place and how to sort)
		4. Recycling Billboard Contest - Sarah / Kate O’Keefe Visual Arts CIL
		5. Sustainable Fairfield County – Jessie
			- Jessie to look into EV buses, get cost of charger to BoS and understand if they can use regular car charger if we install that
			- Martin to bring up EV police vehicles, jessie will follow up with data
		6. Social Media - Abby
		7. Website - Nicci, Andy
		8. Other – Eric
			- Education on how to navigate solar?
		9. Collaboration with other committees - Nicci

1. Setting Priorities, Roles and Planning - Nicci
	* 1. Roles - for discussion
		2. Priorities - refine with Sam Nestor - present first thurs of Feb
		3. Planning - February 9th meeting

Other Topics:

* Andy and Nicci to work with Sarah Beers on having a sustainable microsite
* Town Properties are pesticide free but needs to publize and figure out what the next step is towards being 100% pesticide free
* Repurpose laChat talks with the kwanis club?
1. Next Committee Meeting **February 9th 7:45pm**

**Nicci unanimously nominated Chair**