**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**