

**Weston Sustainability Committee**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
April 9, 2019, 7:30 pm  
Library Cafe

Attendees:

Kirby Brendsel	Member, Sustainable Weston
Ken Coulson	Member, Sustainable Weston
Marc de Mul	Secretary, Sustainable Weston
Tiffany Donovan	Alternate Member, Sustainable Weston
Amy Kalafa	Chair, Sustainable Weston
Eric Shrago	Member, Sustainable Weston
Sonia Skindrud	Alternate Member, Sustainable Weston
Tom Socha	Member, Sustainable Weston
Bonnie Troy	Co-chair, Sustainable Weston

Not attending:

Kelvin Donovan	Student Member, Sustainable Weston
Collin Socha	Student Member, Sustainable Weston

Amy opened meeting at 7:39 PM.

1. Amy mentioned that Eric was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as a Member of the Sustainable Weston, replacing Jens Buettner who resigned, and Sonia was appointed as an Alternate Member.

Tom moved to approve minutes, Ken seconded, approved unanimously.

2. BYOB ordinance – 10 cents fee discussion  
Samantha Nestor briefed the committee on the discussion at the Board of Selectmen (BoS) meeting on April 8. Peter's Market customers have been abusive to the cashiers about the bag fee. Ordinance rollout seen as not effective, mainly due to problems communicating in the absence of a town newspaper. There will be another vote on the 10 cents fee.

It would help if the BoS and Jonathan would receive emails supporting the 10 cents fee. There are many other towns in CT that are implementing our ordinance with the fee. It would send the wrong signal if Weston were to remove its fee based on town opposition.

Tom: the main issue was the lack of information on the new fee. Amy: the town will send an informative postcard out this week.

Information about the bags will be in all the PTO newsletters going out this week.

Tom: the town marketing team has ordered 500 bags for free distribution.

Tom: will get clarification and will talk to Jim and Karen Magee of Peter's Market. Fact: Peter's has saved 5,000 plastic bags to date.

3. Other Town Center Outreach – nothing to discuss.
4. Transfer Station Recycling

The Onion Barn provides a high quality recycling product because the HS students are diligent about separating recycling items.

5. Next event May 5 1-4 PM

Bonnie: event at Lachat, 3 speakers lined up.

6. Living in the Country Series: Sustainable Weston asked to collaborate by Weston Garden Club and Lachat Farm
7. Weston Educational Foundation grant: Sustainable Weston submitted proposal for \$1,500 to purchase more bags; hire a summer intern to help with Sustainable CT submission; \$250 for miscellaneous items (Sonia)
8. Sustainable CT. Eric: we should each take an area and find out what documentation we need. Sustainable CT has grant money available for matching funds, we could win this if we partner with another town and share the intern. Ken has developed a spreadsheet for the Sustainable CT submission which Eric will look at. Eric will circulate this to the committee and we will decide who does what.
9. Sustainable Fairfield County liaison (Sonia): each town has a premier event for the year; May 5 event can be Weston's premier event. Sonia and Bonnie will put together an Evite for this event.

Other items:

- Earth Day events at the high school: the town can print more What's In, What's Out leaflets; the high school team can also sell more bags.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Next meeting is May 14.