

Weston sustainability committee meeting

August 7, 2019

Attendees:

Amy Kalafa	Sustainable Weston (chair)
Bonnie Troy	Sustainable Weston (co-chair)
Kirby Brendsel	Sustainable Weston (member)
Marc de Mul	Sustainable Weston (member)
Eric Shrago	Sustainable Weston (member)
Sonia Skindrud	Sustainable Weston (member)
Tom Socha	Sustainable Weston (member)
Collin Socha	Sustainable Weston (student member)
Graham Fay	intern, Global Preservation Society
Jim Maglione	intern, Global Preservation Society
Sharon Murphy	Weston Communications Committee

Meeting called to order at 7:50 PM.

July meeting minutes are approved.

1. Sustainable CT. 3 interns funded by the Global Preservation Society, Kaylee Paladino, Graham Fay, and Jim Maglione, have been working on the Sustainable CT submission. Graham updated the committee on their progress. We are very close to Bronze certification with 195 points, 5 more needed. The main item remaining is #9, "Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts," which is a mandatory item. Final submission is at the end of August.
2. Sharon gave an overview of the communications committee plans and activities. The committee has been focused on redoing the town website and Facebook page, and developing marketing material for realtors. Andrew Paladino is in charge of the Facebook page. Considering a weekly newsletter on an opt-in basis. New website to be completed this fall. Target audience for the committee is both Weston residents and prospective residents. Sharon will follow up on setting up an improved website for the sustainability committee.
3. BYO update. Peter's Market is planning to start charging the 10 cents fee for paper bags, in accordance with the new state law. The State of CT has a law that went into effect on August 1 that mandates a 10 cents fee. The Weston ordinance takes precedence over the state law in Weston.
4. Sustainable Fairfield County. Sonia updated on a presentation on the pollinator pathway. The next major event is the Green Wheels Expo on electric vehicles scheduled for September 14. This event coordinates with National Drive Electric week. Electric school buses are an option for Weston in the future.

5. Fall schedule. Al Gore "24 hours of reality" presentation for a main fall event in November.
6. Ken Coulson moved to Fairfield and resigned from the committee. The committee nominates Sonia Skindrud as a full committee member. Her current alternate member position will need to be advertised.
7. The committee will not take action on the proposed natural gas-fueled power plant in Killingly, CT. Objections to this climate unfriendly project should be registered on an individual basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.