

Weston sustainability committee meeting minutes 9/11/19

Town Hall Commission Room

Kirby Brendsel	Member
Marc de Mul	Secretary
Tiffany Green	Alternate member
Sarah Hutchison	Alternate member
Amy Kalafa	Chair
Eric Shrago	Treasurer
Sonia Skindrud	Member
Collin Socha	Student member
Tom Socha	Member
Bonnie Troy	Co-Chair
Jim Maglione	intern, Global Preservation Society

Meeting opened at 7:55 PM.

August meeting minutes are approved.

1. Welcome to Sarah Hutchinson, new alternate member.
2. Review of Sustainable CT application and recommendations of interns. The committee needs to review the feedback received on the application and revise the submission if possible. [Instagram for Sustainable Weston](#) is online. Tiffany will set up a meeting to set up a communications subcommittee within Sustainable Weston.
3. BoS initiatives. The BoS wants the committee's advice on the issues of concern to the town:
 - a. Transfer station residential source-separated food scrap collection program;
 - b. Residential curbside textiles collection program;
 - c. Paint recycling program;
 - d. Mattress recycling program;
 - e. Single use plastic bag/film recycling program.

Sonia will determine what other Fairfield County towns are doing about these issues. Amy will look into plastic bag/film recycling options.

4. Jonathan Luiz found a grant program that might be used to restore farmland / create a pollinator meadow, at an old orchard located behind Norfield Church that is owned by the town.
5. BYO update. Peter's Market is now charging for paper bags as required by the town ordinance and the state law. Amy will find out if merchants in Stamford and Norwalk are charging for restaurant take out bags.
6. Sustainable Fairfield County. How can Weston finance EV school buses? We need to present a solid proposal to the BoE. Right now, First Student has a multiyear contract with the schools. Amy: we need a subcommittee on this subject; Sonia, Eric, Marc will join. Southbury Energy Fair and Wilton Zero Waste Fair are now scheduled.
7. Meetings with Planning and Zoning Commission on October 7 and 28 to review Plan of Conservation and Development for Weston which includes sustainability components. Everyone is requested to attend.

8. Climate Reality Event is planned for November 20 (Tom/Collin). Amy wants to have a phone call to discuss the details of the event.
9. Priorities for 2019: tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44.

Next meeting on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30 PM.