

Weston Sustainability Committee

Minutes to Monthly Meeting December 11, 2019

Weston Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendees:

Kirby Brendsel	Member
Marc de Mul	Secretary
Michelle Fracasso	Lachat Advisory Board
Amy Kalafa	Chair
Eric Shrago	Member
Cela Sinay-Bernie	Weston resident; Managing Partner, Citrine Power
Sonia Skindrud	Member
Collin Socha	Student Member

Not attending:

Sarah Hutchison	Alternate Member
Tiffany Green	Alternate Member
Bonnie Troy	Co-chair
Tom Socha	Member
Kelvin Green	Student Member

Meeting called to order at 7:51 PM.

1. Renewable energy discussion. Michelle Fracasso reviewed the history of Lachat Farm. Cela Sinay-Bernie discussed Citrine Power which invests in solar power. Citrine is considering a solar installation at Lachat. The company has several projects underway in different states.

One option is that Citrine leases the upper parking lot for solar development and supplies power to the town for free. Because Weston's power needs are covered by existing power purchase agreements, the town's remaining needs are small, and there would be a remainder that Citrine could sell to other parties. Lachat would have the income from the lease.

The second option is a power purchase agreement with offsite power generation.

Third option is a small onsite solar installation with virtual netmetering. CT Green Bank can assist.

Ms. Fracasso emphasized that Lachat is committed to this project because it wants to promote sustainability.

Next steps will be decided at the Friends of Lachat committee meeting in 2 weeks.

The minutes to the committee meeting on November 13, 2019 were approved.

2. Climate Conversation event was successful and well attended. Wilton and Easton asked Tom and Collin to present there.
3. Sustainable CT event. The town was awarded Bronze certification. The committee agrees that the certification plaque should be displayed in Town Hall.
4. Recycling update. Now collecting 2,000 bottles/week at the transfer station.
5. Sustainable Fairfield County. Zero Waste Fair March 29, 2020. Fairfield County Electric School Bus Alliance was formed. The suggestion was made that a representative from the Weston BOE visit White Plains, NY to see the electric school bus rather than have it come to Weston, which has no charging infrastructure.
6. Priorities for 2020. Sustainable input for POCD, renewable energy, community outreach.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM. The next meeting will be on January 15, 2020 at 7:45 PM.