

## Minutes to the Weston Sustainability Committee Meeting

February 8, 2018

### Attendees:

Natalie Terrill	Weston Sustainability Committee (WSC)
Marc de Mul	Weston Sustainability Committee
Jens Buettnner	Weston Sustainability Committee
Kirby Brendsel	Weston Sustainability Committee
Tom Socha	Weston resident
Karen Magee	Peter's Market
Jim Magee	Peter's Market

WSC members not present: Ken Coulson, Amy Kalafa, Scott Licamele.

The meeting opened at 7:36 PM.

1. Jim, Karen and Tom introduced themselves.
2. Review of Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) ordinance language. Jim offered that paper bags are significantly more expensive – at least 2x the cost of plastic bags. There is also a lack of space for paper bag storage, because paper bags take up more space. The proposed fee of \$0.12/bag may be hard to explain to customers, especially the lunch crowd of landscapers and contractors, who may not speak English as a first language. Karen: experience with Peter's reusable bags in the past is that people don't bring them back. Karen and the committee like the idea of having a Weston-branded bag, possibly with local companies advertising on the bag. Followups: Jim can provide costs of various kinds of bags; also provide detail on special bag needs at the deli counter. WSC will make a proposal about marketing Weston branded bags, which could be co-branded with the schools.

### Actions:

- Natalie will ask for endorsement and next steps from the Board of Selectmen
  - Jim to provide additional information on bag needs and costs to Ken Coulson
  - Amy and Jens will propose bag designs
3. The minutes of the 2 previous meetings on January 30 and February 6 were unanimously approved.
  4. Tentative nomination of Kirby as committee secretary, to be voted on when more committee members are present.

5. Freedom of information act was discussed. Use of electronic document management applications should be done with care.
6. Kirby asks to add electric vehicle charging stations in the town. Tesla offers 2 Tesla chargers and 1 universal charger for free. Natalie: this could help with Sustainable CT certification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.