1 2 3 4				Weston Sustainability committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 13 2018 7:30 P.M.						
5 6 7	WESTON TOWN HALL DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM									
8 9 10 11 12 13	Th 13, pre Bu	Official actions of the commission in these minutes are indicated by <u>underlining</u> . The Weston Sustainability Committee held its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Weston Town Hall Daugherty Commission Room. Committee Members present: Kirby Brendsel, Ken Coulson, Amy Kalafa, Marc de Mul, Tom Socha and Jens Buettner. Also present was High School Sustainability Representative Collin Socha.								
15 16 17	 Chair de Mul called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. There was a motion from Co-Chair Kalafa to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 8, 2018 that was seconded by Committee Member Socha. Motion was approved. For: 5 / Against: 0. 									
18	2) Other Items									
19 20 21	ŕ	a)	10	scussion on upcoming meetings, with possibility for next meeting on January, and potentially having meetings fall on the second Tuesday of every month arting in February 2019.						
22	3)	Co	mm	nittee member term renewals and addition of two alternate committee members						
23 24		a)		l current Sustainability Committee Members renewed for two more years at last eston Board of Selectmen Meeting.						
25 26		b)		tential with the Sustainability Committee for addition of two Alternate ommittee members.						
27 28			i)	Options for possible interest include: Tiffany Donovan, Eric Shrago, and Sonia.						
29 30 31			ii)	Alternate Committee Members will need to follow Committee Membership process (i.e., submit a resume and statement of interest, receive nomination from Party, and receive approval from Board of Selectmen).						
32 33 34			iii)	Committee Member Coulson and Co-Chair Kalafa to follow up with Eric Shrago to discuss opportunity and any potential overlaps with his role with the Connecticut Green Bank.						
35	4)	Br	ing	Your Own Bag (BYOB) Ordinance Follow Up Discussion						
36		a)	Cu	arrent status of ordinance						
37			i)	Ordinance was approved at last Weston Board of Selectman meeting.						
38 39			ii)	Announcement on approval of BYOB Ordinance was made recently in Norwalk Newspaper.						

40 41		iii) Based on approval and announcement, BYOB Ordinance is projected to go live on March 10, 2019.
42	b)	Communication / Education Plan
43 44 45		i) Weston Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz to do initial reach out to affected Weston stores, and then Chair de Mul and Larry Shore to coordinate and talk with stores around implementation.
46		ii) Weston-branded reusable bags school design competition
47		(1) Review of submissions from Weston School
48 49 50		(a) Looked at initial Weston School reusable bag submissions (primarily from High School), and made some choices for potential short list selections.
51 52 53 54		(b) Still pending entries from the other Weston Schools, and will review set in its entirety when they are all in (with a deadline for final review and decision of early January / in conjunction with Weston Sustainability Committee January 2019 meeting).
55 56 57		(c) Committee Member Buettner to review research on preparing for production of bags with final chosen design ready to manufacture and printed.
58 59		(d) Also will check with Peter's Store representative to see if they would like to be involved in reusable bag competition process.
60	5) Fr	acking Waste Ordinance
61	a)	Current status of Ordinance
62 63		(1) Still requires Public Forum, Board of Selectmen vote and movement on most recent updated language that was provided.
64		ii) Communication / Community Education Plan
65		(1) Committee Member Coulson to put together some support / talking points.
66 67 68		(2) Weston Sustainability Committee to put together a follow-on communication plan, potentially leveraging Ted Craft from Weston Now as able.
69	6) W	SC Communication Efforts
70	a)	Sustainable living speaker series – topics and scheduling
71		i) Proposed Speakers – Co-Chair Kalafa
72		(1) Overall / Introductory Discussion
73 74		(a) Working towards a session on March 10 around recycling, possibly combining recycling with plastic awareness.
75		(b) Still need to definitively decide on format, and vision for the event

76 77 78 79 80				(c) To prep, Co-Chair Kalafa to coordinate for potential Weston Recycling representatives (e.g., Jennifer Heaton-Jones presentation re Housatonic Resources Recovery Association ('what they see in the recycling plant') and / or a representative from City Carting) to come and speak at January WSC meeting.
81 82				(d) Would additionally like to know if the presenter would also be willing to talk to the Weston schools as well?
83 84 85 86				(e) Discussed possibility of doing an event aligned with the reusable bags the week prior to the March 10 recycling speaker series (i.e., ~ March 2, 2019) – perhaps the Town Center on Saturday morning or a Thursday evening?
87 88 89				(f) Committee Member Buettner to discuss with Larry Shore and coordinate on communications plan and activities for March 10 Plastic Awareness Day, and report back to WSC by January 2019 meeting.
90				(2) Other Potential Options
91				(a) Land Care: Sal Gilbertie and the Backyard Beekeepers
92				(b) Water Care: Louise Washer
93				(c) Fracking Waste Ordinance: Jennifer Siskind
94				(d) Recycling in Weston: Brian Pagnini and Wayne Pesci
95				(e) Plastic Awareness: Liz Milwe
96 97 98				(f) Lawn Care: Committee Member Troy to coordinate for a Spring even on Sustainable Lawn Care (land and water cre). Event could be held a Lachat, and possibly be held around Earth Day 2019.
99		b)	W	ebsite and Facebook
100 101			i)	WSC Website - Chair de Mul to review and work towards appropriate updates.
102 103			ii)	WSC Facebook Page – has been going well, but could check further on getting boosts and / or word out further on events and activities.
104		c)	Lo	ogo Design
105 106 107 108			i)	Committee Member Buettner and Committee Coulson have reached out to a potential representative who is working on this for free / pro-bono and said they should have something for WSC to review shortly, but they are still waiting for additional word, including his suggestions.
109 110	7) Green Leaf Schools Update - Weston High School Sustainability Representative Collin Socha			
111		a)	Su	mmary recap of recent Green Leaf Banner Ceremony
112		b)	Po	tential next step could be Green Ribbon National

113 i) Weston High School Sustainability Representative Collin Socha has met with 114 Laurel Kohl and talked about Green Ribbon and associated planning and requirements (e.g., writing report on how Weston High School is doing on 115 116 Sustainability activities, including Health & Wellness, Education, Energy, and Recycling). 117 ii) High School Sustainability Team will be writing on this over the next few 118 119 weeks, with a plan to have a close to final version to Laurel Kohl by January 120 21, 2019 for review, in preparation to meet the deadline of submission to 121 Washington D.C. of February 21, 2019. c) Currently working to add textile and battery recycling at the Weston High School. 122 123 d) Weston High School Sustainability Representative Collin Socha asked if 124 Committee Member Brendsel could share contact information acquired during 125 previous solar work to identify supportive application support information (e.g., 126 energy footprint and solar information). 127 8) Future Business 128 a) No idling initiative – Committee Member Buettner 129 i) Review of sign options and history on selection 130 ii) Would be interested in following up with Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz 131 to see if we might be able to acquire larger signs. 132 iii) Tabled to discuss further at January 2019 WSC meeting. 133 b) Solar and EV Charging Station Updates - Committee Member Brendsel 134 c) Sustainable CT / Sustainable Fairfield County – Co-Chair Kalafa 135 i) Sustainable CT 136 (1) Shared update from Board of Selectmen / first Selectman Spaulding on options to educate WSC representatives to acquire information, and 137 support specific sub-areas of application. 138 139 (2) Eric Shrago from CT Green Bank could also assist in this project. 140 ii) Sustainable Fairfield County 141 (1) Co-Chair Kalafa to put out ask to have a representative show up at their 142 monthly meetings. 143 (2) Co-Chair Kalafa to link up a representative with Committee Member 144 Brendsel to talk through and find out more details. iii) WSC to talk through both of these items further at February 2019 meeting. 145 146 d) Herbicide safety 147 9) Other items - None 148 10) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Chair de Mul and seconded by 149 Committee Member Socha. Motion was approved. For: 5 / Against: 0. 150 Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

- 151 Respectfully Submitted,
- 152 Kirby Brendsel, Secretary