

Weston Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes 9/11/12  
Town Hall 7:00 PM

Attendees: Members- Deirdre Doran, Lori Pace, Tony Caputo, Jennifer Markoff, Jared Kapel, Ellen McCormick; Guests: Leon Karvelis, Candidate for State Representative

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

**Minutes:** No minutes were approved since we did not meet in July or August.

**Old Business:**

Speaker/Film series: Ellen McCormick discussed the film "Carbon Nation" that will be shown September 20 at 7:00pm at the library. The Sustainability Committee and the Kiwanis Club will be presenting speakers: Chip Osborne and Dr. Jerry Silbert at the Norfield Church Parish Hall at 9:00am. They will speak about how our town can protect our children, pets and ourselves by eliminating the use of dangerous chemicals on our land that ultimately can flow in to our well water.

Litter-less Lunch Program: Lori Pace reported about the meeting between herself, Valerie Mason Finegan, Deirdre Doran, Colleen Palmer, and Joanne Keating this morning at the Board of Education. The group discussed the Litter-less lunch program that was instituted in the Ridgefield Public Schools by the Green Village Initiative. Valerie passed out additional literature that backed the program and research she has done on recycling receptacles. Some recycling has already been initiated in the Middle School lunch program by the Patricia Fauber since she attended one of our meetings.

**New Business:**

Leon Karvelis spoke about his views regarding the protection of the watershed and adjacent lands in our community. He shared his own history and accomplishments that helped the environment.

Deirdre Doran discussed fund raising ideas for our committee. Possibilities of creating a reusable bag or having a dinner were discussed. Jennifer Markoff will look further in to available grants.

Deirdre Doran initiated a discussion about plastic bag use at Weston Center. The Committee wishes to reduce plastic bags as much as possible. As with other matters, education and awareness is the key.

Jared Kapel spoke about how he has been having difficulty beginning the Clean Energy Challenge in the Schools. Deirdre Doran will work to alleviate barriers.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Pace, Secretary

