Weston Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes 12/13/2011 Town Hall 7:30 PM

<u>Attendees:</u> Members - Deirdre Doran, David Wilk (via phone link), Ellen McCormick, Phoebe Cole-Smith, Valerie Mason Finegan; Guest and future member: Lori Pace

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Minutes: There has not been a quorum for the past several meetings; therefore, there have been no formal minutes taken.

Old Business:

Ellen McCormick reported that she has reserved several dates in the Community Room of the Library for use during our speakers/film series. She and Phoebe Cole-Smith will be investigating appropriate films. David Wilk will continue to explore speakers who can come. So far, the committee agrees that the following topics (in general) will be included in the speakers/film series:

- Invasive Plants
- Tick Management/Healthy Lawn Care
- Raising Your Own/Create a Vegetable Garden
- Long Island Sound Protection from Damaging Pesticides

Valerie Mason Finegan provided copies of a beautifully designed brochure to be discussed. The committee approved the amount of \$400 to pay Gayle Clayton Design for the cost of designing the brochure. Valerie agreed to consult Town Hall about the costs of printing and mailing the brochure to residents.

New Business:

Deirdre Doran announced that David Brandt of the Aspetuck Land Trust has agreed to attend the January meeting to discuss invasive plant species and their intrusion on properties. She also announced that Lou Dempsey, former committee member, will attend the January meeting to report on what he has learned from several seminars he and Don Gary have attended on behalf of the Town of Weston.

<u>Election of Officers</u>: The officers who will serve on the Executive Committee are as follows. (Each member was approved by unanimous vote.)

Chair: Deirdre Doran
Vice Chair: David Wilk
Treasurer: Ellen McCormick

Secretary: Lori Pace

<u>Calendar for 2012:</u> Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in Town Hall. The summer schedule will be discussed at a later time. Calendar was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:31 PM Respectfully Submitted, Deirdre Doran, Secretary pro-tem