

Weston Select Committee on Sustainability Meeting Minutes June 2, 2009

Meeting called to order 6:10pm

Attendees: Hanna & David Wilks, Shana McCann, Kate Lupo, Brian Cleary, Tracy Friden, Martin & Cassandra Strasmore.

Approved previous meeting notes unanimously, May 8, 2009.

1. Upon Kate Lupo's suggestion, Weston has applied and received an Innovation Grant for \$4,000. Martin and Cassandra Strasmore have taken the Webinar to qualify to get the grant. Woody Bliss signed an MOU, Memorandum of Understanding, that the Town is taking the grant and the Sustainability Committee will use it. The grant is for clean energy education awareness, effective marketing strategies to obtain the most signups for renewable energy. There are requirements that need to be met to use the first \$2,000. See Grant attachment. "full approval of the task force" for a project is required. Every 6 months reports are made to show requirements are being met, thus tracking sign ups before a second \$2,000 can be granted after meeting initial commitment.

2. A sustainability mural at Weston High School has been initiated by Kate Lupo. The principal has agreed. The total cost is approximately \$2000. Weston Arts Commission, Weston Education Fund, PTO, Weston Arts will be approached to help fund this. Janitorial services are \$250 a day.

3. The Sustainability Committee will create a task force to approach organizations to sign up their members for clean energy. Suggestions are: Warm-up Fund, PTO's, Kiwanis, Boy and Girl Scouts, town churches.

4. Farmers Market: Hannah Wilk, Kate Lupo, Brian Cleary will represent the Sustainability Committee and get sign ups at Weston Farmers Market using space at Brian Cleary's Green Centre Stand.

5. Bags: David Wilks and Deirdre Doran are researching cost, materials for bags for the town stores, eg Peter's, Peter's Spirit Store, Pharmacy, Hardware Store. These bags could be used for sign-ups. The winners of the poster contest will be placed on the bags.

6. Tracy Friden and company offered to create a You Tube video about Clean Renewable Energy Sign-ups for Weston, CT. She will be back 15 July and continue the conversation.

Meeting ended 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kassandra Strasmore