



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force

May 8, 2019 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sullivan Independence Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Minutes

Reports: Minutes, Treasurer, Membership

Members in attendance: Mary Hogue, Jim Marren, Kiersten Jennings Chou, Scott Thompson, Jim Motavalli, Phil Levieff, Larry Kaley, Shawn O'Sullivan, Peter Kraus, Ron Blumenfeld

Public Attendees: Rabab Hussein Syed, Julia Nojeim, Becky Bunnell

Scott will suggest to Rabab to FS for membership.

2019 Action Plan Updates

1) Planning

a) Sust Plan Update – Scott

No update. Scott will follow up with Tetreau.

b) POCD Update – Mary

No update.

c) Integrate with Strategic Plan – Mary

Interim report (dated April 5) was shared for public review.

d) Clean Energy Action Plan Update – Scott

No update.

2) Clean Energy

a) ConnectSun (DER) Pilot – Bob

Three workshops being planned: May, June & July.

b) Municipal Solar Projects – Scott

- BOE vote May 7, 2019

3 of 4 solar projects passed. Stratfield did not pass. BOS vote on 5/22 (note: this item has since been moved to early June BOS agenda),

c) EV Charging Infrastructure – Bob/Daphne

Daphne is meeting with Kleban to discuss on Monday. Need to schedule meeting with Ed Boman on possible RFP for EV charging infrastructure.

d) EVs for Town Fleet

Julia presented her analysis. Met with Jeff Cromwell on fleet overview and he is enthusiastic regarding EV options. Julia will send revised analysis. Next step is to present to DPW and FS.



3) Food & Waste

a) Composting pilot – Becky

Recycling and Solid Waste Commission (RSWC) rejected composting pilot due to concerns about food spillage, manpower, and other concerns. Plan will be to promote third party composting (e.g., Curbside compost) and home composting.

b) SMART program evaluation – Bob

RSWC working to schedule a meeting in June with the SMART folks.

c) Reusable Bag Ordinance – Daphne

RTM presentation held on April 29 and ordinance was received well. Vote will occur May 28.

d) Recycling / Waste FAQs – Becky

Being developed. Putting searchable excel worksheet to be posted on SFTF website.

4) Education & Outreach

a) Quarterly outreach around food – Kiersten, Jim

Planning a press release about Farmer's Market after Memorial Day.

b) Weekly green tip – Mary

To be determined.

c) Monthly news item – Jim

Two new articles posted on SFTF website.

d) Facebook page – Rabab

Lots of activity.

e) Sust Plan Outreach – Scott

Need to plan event in Fall.

f) Green Wheels Ride & Drive – September 14, 10am-2pm, Fairprene lot

Daphne is preparing a vendor engagement plan.

Other Updates / New Business

1) Sustainable Fairfield County update – Daphne
Presentation on Community Choice Aggregation.

2) FEDC update – Mary

Funds have been approved for use by SFTF.

3) Water conservation challenge – Mary

Event completed. Fairfield was one of two Towns participating in CT.

4) Earth Day Event @ Fairfield YMCA – Larry

Event on 4/27 at YMCA attended by ~200 people.

5) Earth Day cleanup



19 volunteers participated in Gould Manor park cleanup.

6) Other Updates or New Business

Pollinator Pathway planned for Fairfield. Meeting Monday May 13 (see pollinator-pathway.org).

Next Subcommittee Working Group – Friday, May 24, 8:15–9:30am

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 12, 7:00-8:30pm