



**Sustainable Fairfield Task Force  
October 9, 2019 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Sullivan Independence Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Minutes**

Task Force members present: Kiersten Jennings Chou, Larry Kaley, Jim Marren, Phil Levieff, Shawn O’Sullivan, Mary Hogue, Bill Leavy, Scott Thompson, Daphne Dixon, Bob Wall, Jim Motavalli, Rabab Hussain Syed

Members of public present: Lori Scala, Nicola LaRiccia, Becky Bunnell, Joan Zimmerman

Reports: Minutes, Treasurer, Membership

2019 Action Plan Updates

1) Planning

a) Sustainability Plan Update – Scott

- FS review status

Still in review.

b) POCD Update – Mary

Updated amendment in progress. Mary will contact Emmeline Harrigan about increasing public involvement.

c) Integrate with Strategic Plan – Mary

Helping to coordinate with POCD.

d) Clean Energy Action Plan Update – Bob

Meeting planned with Dr. Thompson to discuss status of Portfolio Manager update tomorrow.

2) Clean Energy

a) Municipal Solar Projects – Scott

- Stakeholder engagement for Tomlinson carport

Scott will follow up with Greenskies to schedule Administration meeting.

b) EV Charging Infrastructure – Bob/Daphne

- Clean Cities plan

Draft Action Plan will be ready for review in approximately 2 weeks.

c) EVs for Town Fleet

No update.

d) Electric school bus transition plan

Town will issue an RFP to get pricing for electric buses. RFP will target 10 electric busses to be phased in over next 5-year bus operation contract. Reaching out to Green Bank and UI for engagement. Need to get an outreach action plan together.



### 3) Food & Waste

- a) Composting pilot – Becky
  - Nicola LaRiccia of Action Container

Offering home food waste recycling, weekly or biweekly. GreenLEAF program (CT) funding available. Sherman, Riverfield, Holland Hill may be interested. Sustainable CT funds also be available. First Step is Waste Audit. Recycle CT Grant application due November 20.

- Becky will work on Recycle CT Grant
- Mary will speak to Central Office
- Liason Holland Hill (Kiersten), Sherman (Bill), Nicola (Riverfield)

Composting pilot extended to end October. Three composting seminars were held, oversubscribed.

- b) SMART program evaluation – Bob  
No update.

- c) Recycling / Waste FAQs – Becky  
In progress, Cheryl Baldwin (DEEP) meeting will be held November 18 7-8 pm in Main Library.

### 4) Education & Outreach

- a) Quarterly outreach around food – Kiersten, Jim  
No update.

- b) Weekly green tip – Mary  
No update.

- c) Monthly news item – Jim  
Green Wheels Expo / Bus piece being prepared.

- d) Facebook page – Rabab  
Going to visit BD Provisions (bulk food facility).

- e) Sust Plan Outreach – Scott  
Plan to schedule next event in November.

- f) Green Wheels Expo Recap  
Mary send a summary and Jim Motavalli will review. LiveGreen is coordinating a monthly call, first Wednesday, 10am. Daphne will send a calendar invite.

### Other Updates / New Business

- 1) Sustainable Fairfield County update – Daphne

- Electric school bus subcommittee

Call being held Mondays at 2pm. Scott will update electric bus presentation.

- 2) Pollinator Pathways – Mary

Doug Tallamy Univ of DE Professor, presenting at Saugatuck Congregational Church on November 7, 7pm. RSVP via Aspetuck Land Trust.



FF Pollinator Pathway meeting is October 15, 7pm, Old Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

3) SFTF by-laws – Scott

Scott & Rabab will connect on a draft.

4) PTA Council / Sustainability Chair Report – Mary

Electric buses, Pollinator Pathway, Youth Group. Hydration stations. Sustainable jobs.

Other Updates:

District Improvement Plan – being updated by end of this school. Look at GreenLeaf school.

Teaching renewables to Boy Scout groups.

EV readiness conference – Nov 13, 830-1200, LiveGreen at Fairfield Univ.

Next Subcommittee Working Group – Friday, October 25, 8:15–9:30am

Agenda: Buses, Bylaws, Compost

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 7:00-8:30pm