



**Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
November 13, 2019 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sullivan Independence Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room**

Minutes

Task Force members present: Jim Marren, Bob Wall, Mary Hogue, Rabab Syed, Shawn O'Sullivan, Daphne Dixon, Kiersten Chou, Jim Motavalli

Members of public present: Becky Bunnell, Joan Zimmerman

Reports: Minutes, Treasurer, Membership

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2019 Action Plan Updates

1) Planning

a) Sustainability Plan Update – Scott

- FS review status

No comments received yet from FS.

b) POCD Update – Mary

No update.

c) Integrate with Strategic Plan – Mary

No update.

d) Clean Energy Action Plan Update – Bob

No update.

2) Clean Energy

a) Municipal Solar Projects – Scott

- Stakeholder engagement for Tomlinson carport

Next step is to reach out to school administration and central office.

Town received proposal for solar PV / EV charging for bus depot.

b) EV Charging Infrastructure – Bob/Daphne

- Clean Cities plan

Final draft was circulated for review. Comments due Friday 11/15.

c) EVs for Town Fleet

Meeting with John Bodie, Fire Dept, and Bill Hine FFPD next few weeks to discuss fleet vehicles.

d) Electric school bus transition plan

Proposals were received last week and town is evaluating. Approaching UI to discuss energy storage pilot.

3) Food & Waste



- a) Composting pilot – Becky
Pilot is finished. 5 well-attended seminars. 46 bins sold to residents for \$60.
 - b) SMART program evaluation – Bob
Round two of mattress pickup happening today and Saturday.
 - c) Recycling / Waste FAQs – Becky
FAQs posted on website (SFTF page) and working to be put on Solid Waste and Recycling. Press circulated release too.
- 4) Education & Outreach
- a) Quarterly outreach around food – Kiersten, Jim
Planning questionnaire and fact sheets for local growers (current list has 12). Start in February.
 - b) Weekly green tip – Mary
Switching this to monthly. Seeking to collaborate with Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development on highlighting green business practices.
 - c) Monthly news item – Jim
Held composting and recycling workshops recently. Doing something on green holiday season.
 - d) Facebook page – Rabab
Going strong. Getting tagged by Weston, Westport, and Wilton. Plan to boost more in 2020.
 - e) Sust Plan Outreach – Scott
Ten tips talk proposed at BD Provisions.
 - f) Green Wheels Expo – confirm date for next year
Event will be held September 26 for 2020.

Other Updates / New Business

- 1) Sustainable Fairfield County update – Daphne
Agreed on two focus areas: Electric school buses and Zero food waste.
- 2) Pollinator Pathways – Mary
Program is in progress.
- 3) SFTF by-laws – Scott / Rabab
Rabab has drafted for Scott's review.
- 4) PTA Council / Sustainability Chair Report – Mary
Working on getting hydration stations, eliminating single use plastics, electric buses, pollinator pathways, youth group. Zero waste pilot planned for Sherman elementary starting 2020.
- 5) RCSD 2019: EV Deployment Conference – 11/13



Held today, ~130 attendees. Ed Boman received award for service to Clean Cities.

6) Meeting with Congregation Beth El – 11/19

Meeting next Tuesday 9am.

7) FPL Education Grant

Grant will fund environment education curriculum.

Next Subcommittee Working Group – Friday, November 29, 8:15–9:30am.

CANCELED.

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 7:00-8:30pm

2020 Meeting schedule:

Same meeting schedule (2nd Wed and 4th Friday) is approved (unanimous) for 2020.