



**Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
December 11, 2019 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sullivan Independence Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room**

Minutes

Task Force members present: Daphne Dixon, Bob Wall, Larry Kaley, Jim Marren, Scott Thompson, Ron Blumenfeld, Shawn O'Sullivan, Kiersten Jennings Chou, Mary Hogue, Jim Motavalli, Phil Levieff

Members of public present: Mike Foley, Joan Zimmerman, Becky Bunnell

Treasurer report: \$10690.47 in account. \$3776.23 to be reimbursed to Becky for compost bins. \$6914.24 is net. \$915.41 grant from Novamont to be deposited.

2019 Action Plan Updates

1) Planning

a) Sustainability Plan Update – Scott

Scott to reach out to new FS to meet on 2020 Action Plan.

b) POCD Update – Mary

Mary will distribute presentation.

c) Integrate with Strategic Plan – Mary

No update.

d) Clean Energy Action Plan Update – Bob

Met with Parks & Rec, and planning meeting with WWTP. DPW working on Energy Performance Contract.

2) Clean Energy

a) Municipal Solar Projects – Scott

- Stakeholder engagement for Tomlinson carport

Next step is Administration briefing. PTA briefing will occur. SFTF recommended engagement with Parks & Rec too. Public is invited to inquire with SFTF for more information on the project.

b) EV Charging Infrastructure – Bob/Daphne

- Clean Cities plan

Plan to be finalized and provided to Avangrid who will in turn provide to Town. Workplace charging & Municipal Fleet EV workshops being planned for Feb/Mar timeframe.

c) EVs for Town Fleet

Discussion of Westport EV police vehicle. Phil will try to arrange meeting with FFPD and Westport PD.

d) Electric school bus transition plan



FPS is working to procure 10 electric buses. Contract period would start July 1, 2020.

e) Green Wheels Expo planning – next call?
September 26, 2020. Next bi-weekly call is 2nd Wed in January, 1000am.

3) Food & Waste

a) Composting pilot – completed
Vermacomposting workshop being planned. Sherman zero waste pilot being planned.
Mattress recycling being planned for spring.

b) SMART program evaluation – on hold

c) Recycling / Waste FAQs – Becky
Posted on SFTF website. Planning an event with Cheryl Baldwin (DEEP) at main library in Feb/March.

4) Education & Outreach

a) Quarterly outreach around food – Kiersten, Jim
Preparing outreach for CSA and other winter options / ideas.

b) Monthly news item – Jim
Discuss progress report or 2020 plan, item on Westport PD, or Electric Bus project.

c) Facebook page – Rabab
Met with Mark Barnhart and Beverly Balaz about identifying green businesses to highlight their practices.

d) Sust Plan Outreach – Scott
Possible event a BD Provisions. Scott will follow-up.

Other Updates / New Business

- 1) Sustainable Fairfield County update – Daphne
- 2) SFTF by-laws – Scott / Rabab
- 3) PTA Council / Sustainability Chair Report – Mary
- 4) Sustainable Youth CT

Working on banning plastic straws.

5) Green House Tour help 12/4, next steps
Mary will reach out to Library and FBOR to give presentation.

6) Wilton Go Green Zero Waste Faire – 3/29, register by 12/31
SFTF will table.

7) Annual Plan for 2020 – finalize at next Working Group meeting

Next Subcommittee Working Group – Friday, December 27, 8:15–9:30am
Agenda: 2020 Plan

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