

Trumbull Advisory Sustainability Team

Draft Meeting Minutes 1/11/21 @ 3PM

- I. Attendance: Kevin Malone, Pam Roman, Richard Post, Mari Jackson, April Lang, Mary Ellen LeMay, Mary Isaac. Absent –Shelby Levino, Rob Librandi
- II. Welcome Guests
- III. Review and approve 12/4/20 meeting minutes. April motioned, Richard seconded.
- IV. Updates / Reports
 - A. Nature / Outdoors Branch
 - a. Conservation Commission needs 4 people to join. Currently they don't have a quorum. Put the word out to any interested individuals that you may know.
 - b. Pollinator Pathway – maybe include during an Earth Day event. Include videos we have already done that are on youtube. Earthday.org has theme of Restore Our Earth for 2021. Richard will compile list of possible Earth Day topics.
 - c. Invasive plants have taken over one lake in Town. CT DEEP is helping to manage the problem. This could be an opportunity for community education / involvement.
 - d. American Green Zone Alliance works to reduce noise and other pollution from leaf blowers, etc. We can work with Tashua GC and/or the town-level to use quieter and cleaner battery-powered equipment. MEL is working with Westport and Wilton residents to advance this initiative.
 - e. Natural Resource Inventory
 - i. Need to educate public re: NRI. Another Earth Day opportunity.
 - B. Waste Reduction Branch
 - a. Recycling
 - i. April says the Town is rolling out Trex recycling program.
 - ii. Pam prepared info deck / packet re: upgrades to transfer station. Pam to suggest dates/times for Vicky/George meeting and prepare summary for meeting request. Mari suggests that we also discuss CCSMM collaboration. Ideally, we have a one-stop place for recyclables, composting, etc. at the transfer station. That will also reduce the workload on our volunteers.
 - iii. Discussed how to manage funds – income (checks from recycling efforts), reimbursement of our personal expenditures, etc. Can we use a special revenue account from the Town? Or ask Town Council for a small budget. Maybe use Conservation Commission budget.
 - iv. Mari talking with Wilton and Greenwich re: reusable trays to replace Styrofoam trays. Maybe start in one school and then expand. May try to get matching grant from Sustainable CT.
 - b. Green purchasing
 - i. Mary will follow up with Rob re: green purchasing policy
 - C. Energy / Transportation Branch
 - a. No updates
 - D. Outreach
 - a. Low-income residents
 - i. Kevin reached out to Trumbull Food Pantry. Will also reach out to TECEC Head Start Coordinator. He is preparing a survey for low-income residents to indicate their interest in one or more sustainable actions.
 - b. Students
 - i. April and Mari setting up a Google Classroom on January 13 to allow students to join and work on various aspects of

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sustainability: legislation, recycling resources, reducing foam at schools. A Sustainability plan for the Town could be an independent study project for upper classmen. Kevin to coordinate.

- ii. April is committee chair for sust on PTSA. Maybe do pollinator, recycling, book drives, etc. at all schools.
- iii. Virtual clean-ups – Record your work on the Clean Swell App / Trumbull Clean Up
- iv. Legislative action – Bottle Bill – Sierra Club CT is working on this. Encourage others to push for it.
- v. April says Action 4.2 could be completed with artwork, musical instruments, etc. with recycled materials.
- vi. Green Leaf schools have strict standards and lots of work to achieve. Maybe good for new schools that incorporate sust but probably not existing schools.

V. Other

A. Sust CT

- a. Mari and Pam to send info to Kevin to ask for additional points.
- b. Kevin also to ask Sust CT about equity toolkit requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM.