

I. Attendance/Welcome Guests

Mari Jackson, April Lang, Janet Epstein, Dean Lindsey, Kendra Norman, Kevin Malone

II. Review and approve 9/8/25 meeting minutes

Mari moved, April seconded.

III. Recycling Coordinator Report

1. 2025 Summary of recycling programs

Mari summarized recycling of various materials.

Town seeking new electronics vendor. They recycle anything with a cord. Plus batteries, bulbs, etc.

~30 tons/year of glass recycled at transfer station in 2025.

Textiles 24% increase in 2025. Total over 25,000 pounds. Hope to add a textile bin at transfer station.

Mattresses twice per year. May and November usually.

“Beyond the Bin” 442 pounds in 2025. 68% increase over 2024. \$200 from ink cartridges in 2025. Plastic film ~100 pounds/month.

Plan to add Book and Media bins next to textile bins at the middle schools. Old books, VHS, CD, DVD will get recycled.

Contamination problem in recycle pickup. If 10% or more of contamination, then town gets fined. Includes plastic bagged items, dirty items, non-recyclables. Spatula-clean for food containers is the rule for recycling.

Transfer station tab on Town website. Then click on “What can I recycle?” and “What’s In / What’s Out” links for details on what is recyclable in blue bins and transfer station.

ST page also has info on what’s in / what’s out.

Mari to work with Trumbull Community TV to make a video on how/where to recycle.

Very few invasives are dropped off at transfer station. So they aren’t concerned about it.

IV. Events for the Year

1. Earth Day-April-events, education, or other

Mari to help coordinate but needs volunteers to assist.

Tidy Up Trumbull- No group event for ST

2. September- host CT Cleanup with Save the Sound?

No decision yet

3. Pollinator Pathway (PP) plant sale status

Hillcrest 6th grade student project (Miss Duffy’s class) to encourage building PP and related publicity. April to contact White Birch. Need to get info to community.

Maybe do a table at Stop and Shop. March sign-up. April delivery. Still have a couple thousand \$\$ from previous grant. Maybe get garden club involvement.

4. Used toy drive

Do again next December

V. New Programs

1. Food Rescue at schools

Need parent volunteers at school to coordinate but hard to get enough.

2. Swap shop

Could be any kind of highly used items (e.g. Halloween costumes, sporting goods). Tentative: September drop-off / October pick-up.

3. Energy savings programs

Mari asking UI for more information

VI. Coordination with other groups

1. Conservation Commission

i. Vine Team

Next attempt is March 11 by waterfall at Twin Brooks Park. Samantha Collins at THS is helping to recruit students.

ii. Tashua Tree Farm

36 acres near Fuller Road. Remove invasives. On-going.

Beach Park is also on the list to manage invasives, save beech trees, etc.

Dean to check with CC to see if they can do “Land Stewardship” aspect of ST.

VII. New volunteers / opportunities

CC got a list of sign-ups at Farmer's Market

Mari asking Town if Farmer's Market might allow for produce swap / Food Rescue?

VIII. Other Business

Sustainable CT

We are up for recert in April and/or August.

SCT says that we have 170 points carrying over from last certification.

Need 200 points plus Equity Toolkit for bronze certification.

Mari to forward info from SCT.

Meeting ended 4:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by K. Malone, TNAC representative to Sustainable Trumbull