

Trumbull Advisory Sustainability Team

Meeting Minutes 2/15/22 @ 3PM

I. Attendance

1. Kevin Malone, Mari Jackson, Mary Isaac, April Lang, Pam Roman, Mary Ellen Lemay, Richard Post, Cindy Katske, Bill Chin (facilitator)

II. Meeting commenced at 3:03 PM

III. Welcome Guests – Janet Epstein

IV. Review and approve 1/10/22 meeting minutes

1. Pam moved. Mary seconded.

V. Updates / Reports

1. Municipal coordination

i. Follow up w/ Vicki

1. Vicki's response to our priorities

- a. ST can develop a short list, grouped by department heads
- b. Need ECD Commissioner on our team

2. Plan meetings with dept. heads

- a. Cindy will work to set up

2. Outdoor / Nature / Environment

i. NRI priorities

1. Sara Sterling of CC is working on it (also match with existing Pequonnock River Valley Watershed Plan priorities)

ii. Native plant list for landscape plan recommendations

1. Will add native trees to this list

iii. Zoning regulations to protect riparian areas

1. Matt S is working with Tony Silber on implementing four main points of improvement

iv. Community garden

1. ST members can provide a brief summary of info learned from Westport Community Garden initiative
2. The United Way of Coastal Fairfield County can serve as 501c3 fiduciary

v. Tree replacement project

1. Develop a brochure about tree rights for homeowners
2. How to disseminate this info?

vi. QR code implementation

1. Met with Nancy Fisher from Historical Society
2. John Massari drafted QR code signage
3. Put signs at transfer station, parks, etc.
4. They will connect with something on the Town website
5. Need Dmitri's approval; Cindy will assist, if needed

3. Waste Reduction
 - i. Recycling
 1. Textiles
 - a. Funds from Bay State are being received. (\$100/ton)
 - b. Mary is talking with a curbside textile recycling company (although they pay less than Bay State ~\$40/ton).
 2. Glass
 - a. Cindy talked with George Estrada. He would like to disseminate info to residents. Maybe include flyer with waste haulers' mailings. Cindy will obtain more info from George so ST and TSY can assist in promotion.
 - b. Pam and Mari will work on this.
 3. Town's recycling brochure
 - a. Update the list of acceptable e-waste (from NewTech) and other wastes; provide to George Estrada for review and approval.
 4. Tour of Van Dyk recycling facility in Norwalk
 - a. Invite neighboring towns
 - b. Invite others from Trumbull
 - c. Date of tour TBD
 - ii. Big Belly
 1. Stratford and New Haven will talk with Trumbull, if interested.
 2. Maybe replace existing trash cans in Trumbull parks (Unity and others)
4. Student Involvement; Outreach
 - i. Webpage updates
 1. Outreach is now "Advocacy" on Town page.
 2. This webpage will connect to files that are regularly updated by students.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM

Minutes prepared by Kevin Malone, Trumbull Nature and Arts Center representative