

I. Attendance/Welcome Guests

Members: Kevin Malone, Mari Jackson, Mary Isaac, Pam Roman, Richard Post, Ralph Sather, April Lang

Guests: Janet Epstein, Reggy St. Fortcolin, Marie Strolin, Randi Post, Bill Chin (facilitator), Cindy Katske (Town liaison)

II. Review and approve 1/10/22 meeting minutes. Mari moved; Pam seconded.

III. Guest Presenter: Reginald Saint Fortcolin

Fridgeport; Kingdom Builders Impact Ministries; 219 James St., Bridgeport. CT  
Fridgeport provides food for food-insecure people. Reggy helped establish similar entities in New Haven and Hartford.

Food insecurity has grown throughout CT since the pandemic. Over 131,000 CT children estimated to suffer from food insecurity.

Reggy provided information about the effort to establish a Food Advocate in the State.

Bills have been introduced in the two houses of the State legislature in this regard.

Currently, Bill SB785 is in the Senate.

Food advocate would centralize and prioritize efforts and information through the Office of Food Advocate.

ST will post on Facebook and alert readers when the legislation is up for consideration.

Let us advocate for the Advocate!

III. Waste Reduction

Recycling

Wishcycling hand-out / Color flyer hand-out

Estimated ~\$630 total for 7000 copies

We need approval from TPS admin to send thru the schools.

Possible webinars this year on issues including recycling.

Litter campaign

Just starting. Maybe get signage.

Pam, Mary and Marie volunteering

Plastic wrap / Trex campaign

School collection campaign until April. Then Town will run to October.  
Each runs for about six months.

Refill Not Landfill campaign

In preparation stage. ST members to review and respond to Mary's draft.  
Develop details for a Trumbull campaign.

Work with Rina and ECDC to implement.

VII. One Thousand Trees for Trumbull brochure

Trees in the Ground in Spring

Printed brochures by mid-March

V. Outreach

ECDC Newsletter

Need general info on ST and specific campaigns (e.g. 1000 trees)

Pam will draft something.

VI. Goals for 2023

Working groups – current volunteers

Recycling – Mari

TSY – Mari

Food scraps – Pam

Pollinator Pathway – Pam

1000 Trees – Pam, Janet

Events – Pam

Any helpful support on these committees will be greatly appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM

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