

Sustainable Trumbull Monthly Meeting

September 13, 2021

Meeting start time 3:00 pm, end time 4:43 pm

Attendees: William Chin, Kathleen Fieffe, Mary Isaac, Rob Librandi, Mari Jackson, Amara Johnson, Cynthia Katske, April Lang, Richard Post, Pam Roman, Renata Rio

Welcome Guest (s) Amara and Kathleen from Trumbull Library

Review and Approve Aug 9, 2021 meeting minutes- Mari motioned, Pam approved

Collaboration with Trumbull Library opportunity presented by Amara Johnson

- Library- looking for buy in to participate for multiple libraries to collaborate on sustainable offerings regarding various sustainable topics including food scarcity and climate change- partner with ST and CC to move initiative forward
- Trumbull library has connected with Fairfield library, librarians for each town will connect
- Amara to stay in touch with ST team members via email as collaboration topics of interest arise to discuss next steps
- Suggestion to collaborate on Earth Week next year, suggested Amara look at SCT website as well
- April introduced school initiatives that are hoping to be implemented across all the schools

Post Silver Priorities- reviewed and updated "ST Priorities 9.13.21" document

- Community Gardens: possible equity item in the future, Demitri in favor of project, need to decide if proposed beds to be used for founders gardens and/or vegetable plants, potential for donor funding between 35%-50% of fund sourcing, with community sources providing 50-65% to reach 100%; SCT matches this in order to reach the project goal
- Educational Plaques- team in favor of continuing to peruse opportunities for SCT Action 4.0
- EV Chargers: Rob updated team that Rina has been in touch with private property owners who are pursuing EV charger installations, SCT may require EV chargers to be installed at municipality property for credit on Action 6.4, Cindy will offer ST support on this initiative and connect Rina with Mari
- Solar: Rob will revisit status of municipal solar with George, Middlebrook school was considering solar as part of roof replacement next year but has decided against it, Mari offered to be a resource or support on town solar projects for SCT Action 7.4
- Composting: No transfer station update, team requests that Cindy revisit the opportunity to offer compost pick-up at transfer station with George, Pam to provide Cindy with more program details, composting aligns with SCT Action 9.3
- Glass Pilot Program: Trumbull joining other towns as part of the glass recycling pilot program, Mary will follow-up with George on the program status and if/how ST can support and promote the program to the community

- Native Plantings: ST interested in pursuing tree planting opportunities/grants as well as look into Carbon Net Meters (revenue opportunity for tree planting)

Long-term ST team goals need to be established and team to recruit more volunteers, fine tune team member roles and where each person be assigned to an action

Students: A few TSY members are volunteering to hand out info on TREX plastic film recycling at elementary open houses this week, more volunteers wanted to cover more schools

Cleanup: International Coastal Cleanup planned for Sunday September 19th 9-11 am at Twin Brooks Park, community service opportunity for students, ST to spread the word via social media, town eblasts, and will contact Trumbull Times rep

NRI: MEL working with Mary on identifying various versions of this report for a) residents, b) town employees, and c) long term plan, Richard to work on documents with CC as well

Donor Matching Funds: Janet reviewed need to identify a 401 3 c group through which to filter donor advised funds. SCT is one such entity through their matching grant program. TNAC suggested as another and will check with Kevin on feasibility.

Municipal Cooperation: Cindy will review our priority list, present to department heads, and identify the best time/way for the appropriate ST team members to discuss next steps on each action

Farmer's Market: No date set for ST, ST team needs to fine tune what information to offer/present to the community at local events

Logo: Waiting for graphic design input on working with logo contest winner's submission vs creating an additional option for various uses

Outreach: April preparing a sustainable presentation for the Trumbull YMCA October 9th

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm