

Meeting commenced at 3:02 PM.

- I. Attendance
  1. Kevin Malone, Mari Jackson, Mary Isaac, April Lang, Pam Roman, Mary Ellen Lemay, Cindy Katske, Bill Chin (facilitator)
- II. Review and approve 9/13/21 meeting minutes
  1. April moved. Pam seconded.
- III. Updates / Reports
  - A. Silver Certification
    1. How we got there
      - i. Present to TC at November 4 meeting
      - ii. CT Greenbank. 8 people signed up for smart e-loan program (home energy savings) for a total of \$145K loans.
    2. Benefits of silver certification vs. bronze
      - i. Nothing on the SCT website? Check with Alyssa at SCT.
  - B. Post-Silver Priorities
    1. Composting
      - i. Advocate for composting at transfer station and elsewhere
      - ii. Need cost for bags and bins to sell at cost to residents
      - iii. Try to get Monroe and Easton on board
      - iv. Commercial operations in Town – how do they compost?
      - v. Can we be a composting host location in Trumbull?
        1. CCSMM is looking for sites
        2. MEL will contact State waste coordinator
    2. Community garden
      - i. Founders' Plots
        1. MEL will continue to investigate over the winter. Pam will assist.
      - ii. Visit Westport Community Gardens
    3. Student initiatives
      - i. TSY
        1. Recruiting meeting on Nov. 2
        2. Recycling
        3. Legislative outreach
        4. Skip the straw

5. Newsletter
  - ii. School programs, reusables
    1. Middle schools and TECEC will do Trex and Bic recycling
    2. Recycle books from book drive to ELITE
  - iii. THS Environmental Club
    1. Env Club will implement Trex recycling, Bic collection, pollinator pathway
4. Plastic waste reduction
  - i. Skip the straw, etc. aimed at restaurant patrons and/or operators
    1. Cindy will reach out to Rina
  - ii. Town clean-ups, International Coastal Clean-up
    1. 39 total, 32 in person. 250# trash for the day.
5. Municipal coordination
  - i. Meet w/ dept heads – George, Dmitri, Rina?
    1. Email ST priority list to Cindy
  - ii. EV charging station
    1. Mari will meet with Rina next week
6. Other Collaborations
  - i. Library
    1. April would like to have a “One Book, One Town” program
      - a. Nature’s Best Hope, by Doug Tallamy
    2. Tree program – selling trees at discounted price
      - a. Program at TNAC?
      - b. Use donor-advised funding sources to defray costs?
      - c. Use LWCF (federal program) funds?

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM