



Attendees: Rabab Hussain, Mary Hogue, Larry Kaley, Emma Kaye, Peter Kraus, Dustin Mandre, Jim Marren, Bob Wall

Guests: Will Hinkle, Jenn Leeper, Meghan McHale

**June 17, 2022
7-8:30pm
Meeting Minutes**

- **Meeting Minutes**

Rabab Hussain made a motion, Peter Kraus seconded, no comments or amendments, unanimously approved as submitted.

- **Treasurer Report**

Balance as of 6/17/2022 is \$6,253.33.

- **Liaison Reports**

- Bike-Ped: TBD
 - 6/20 3pm Zoom Meeting re: Asphalt Art - please let Sarah Roy know if you are interested in attending this meeting.
- Solid Waste & Recycling Commission: Misty Beyer
- Fairfield Forestry Committee: Mary Hogue
 - Pollinator Pathway heating up - LOTS of gardens going in:
 - Eagle Scout, Nikolai Darkin, Lake Mohegan garden complete 6/17
 - Fairfield Woods Library garden date TBD
 - Wakeman Boys & Girls Club - one in front and one in back plus a vegetable garden
 - Amanda Ingrassia and Charlie Stebbins gave a presentation on 5/14 to the Grange
 - Tabled at Ogden House Open Garden Day - poor turn out due to poor publicity
 - [6/25 Garden Tours](#), includes CT Audubon Smith-Richardson Preserve in Westport tour
 - Fairfield Garden Club / Ogden House Garden will partner with Oaklawn Cemetery & Arboretum in the fall for a tour; looking for more places to do fall tours
 - Starting Fall Planting orders now
 - FBRA reinstated their subsidy program of paying for 50% of the price of a tree for anyone in their area
 - Canvassing continues in Greenfield Hill ahead of UI to ensure homeowners are aware that they are not required to agree to tree trimming / removal - this outreach has been appreciated and well received by homeowners who felt the UI work planners were misleading and sounded like homeowners were required to agree to work

- Committee, working with regional Tree Commissions, will be sending letters to PURA and writing Op Ed pieces related to abusive vegetative management work performed by Electric Distribution Companies throughout the state
 - Flood and Erosion Control: Becky Bunnell
 - Mill River Wetland Committee: Kiersten Chou
 - Wrapped up busy spring of programs
 - Completed pilot of partnership with Ward Melville Heritage Association on Long Island Sound Connections program - hope to be continued pending further funding
 - Continue to seek new volunteers - particularly young people interested in running River Lab trips!
 - PTA Council: Meghann McKale
 - Looking to obtain District-level Green LEAF certification
 - Green Team Parent Meeting 6/20 10am at Courtney Radosavljevic's. If you're interested in joining us, please contact SustainableFairfieldTaskForce@gmail.com
- **Climate Leaders Update: Bob Wall, Will Hinkle, Mary Hogue**
 - Will spent a majority of his internship working on this project. He was able to document enough points that we are assured we will achieve Climate Leader status though we will continue to work on this after his tenure with us. THANK YOU, WILL!
- **Fairfield Climate Emergency Resolution Draft: Will Hinkle, Mira Bakshi**
 - Remove specifics and be more in alignment with other city/town CER's to be more likely to pass
- **Reports for Sub-Committees**
 - Energy & Built Environment: Bob Wall
 - haven't met
 - Transportation: Daphne Dixon
 - haven't met
 - Mary asked about the idea of supporting the idea of expanding the CHEAPR rebate program to include lawn equipment; concern expressed about how that would affect EV's; Mary noted her concern was this was an equity issue and Emma noted that we need to include the affected population and not speak for them; Bob noted that this is a finite pie and so this idea would take away funds from EVs and with new legislation now electric bikes
 - Food & Waste: Becky Bunnell
 - haven't met
 - Natural Environment: Mary Hogue
 - haven't met
 - Equity: Emma Kaye & Shawn O'Sullivan
 - haven't met
 - Communication & Outreach: Rabab Hussain
 - **Outreach:** Mary
 - Ogden House Pollinator Pathway booth could've used more PR. May consider asking Ted Luchsinger to create @FairfieldPollinatorPathway on instagram to also push out info in conjunction with SustainableFairfield.
 - Climate Leisure certification could result in points for outreach too,
 - **SFTF Town communication Press release/Newsfeed:** Jim Marren
 - Consideration for maybe doing another Solarize program or pushing for energy audits within households in Fairfield; would like more info on our Heat

Pump project. Basically need to look at pushing for more energy related projects for SFTF.

■ **Social Media:** Rabab

- Glass recycling video!

■ **Website:** Dustin

- Local Food section was updated for 2022.
- Town is also getting a new system for their website so we can anticipate changes to our town platform then.

■ **E-Newsletter:**

- Need topics for the July edition of the newsletter! Some considerations:
- Composting drop off collection points and locations - need update on if this is workable with transfer station. If it is then student interns would be at farmers markets (to start off with) to collect.
- Glass recycling pilot push again, with potential for collection by students at farmers markets over the summer.
- Local food and farmers markets
- Fairfield High School Junior/boy scout planting pollinator garden at lake mohegan.
- Thinking ahead to September newsletter edition, featuring the green teams at the different local schools in Fairfield - Mill Hill & Dwight.
- NEED TO BRAINSTORM EXPANDING OUR REACH PER BEING INFORMED BY EQUITY!

- Advocacy: Mary Hogue & Shawn O'Sullivan

■ Nothing to report since last meeting

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

Note: [Charter Revision Commission](#) had their final meeting now before the BOS - please make your opinion known!