



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
FOOD and WASTE subcommittee meeting

MINUTES: October 6, 2023

Final

1. Recycling and Waste Actions:

- a. Glass Recycling pilot – Still working with the town to explore secondary location.
- b. Food waste - Sold over 50 kits at Farmers Market over the summer. Dan offered to donate hundreds of BPI bags for giveaway at fall tabling events. Town does not want to give them away at the transfer station.
- c. OOPS stickers and Clean the Stream - Still no town meeting with Haulers.
- d. Mattress Recycling – October 14th from 8:30 – 12:30 at Veterans Park.
- e. School recycling initiatives / Green team – Sustainable CT grant achieved \$25,000 goal and will extend Food waste Composting to all 11 elementary schools. Will phase in this fall. Town has negotiated a great rate again for Pumpkin recycling. Meghan to provide an updated list of schools and dates.
- f. Meeting with Town -Becky to set up.
- g. Farmers market - Discussion on how to encourage vendors NOT to use plastic bags. Suggestion to have a GIVE or GET bin for reusable bags. Would need to check with Sands if any health dept concerns.

2. Food Actions:

- a. SNAP at farmers market - Emma has researched both State and Federal options and is working with the town to explore for next year. Federal program needs a dedicated staff member at the market which might not be feasible. One suggestion was to see if we could get AmeriCorps volunteers. Other options are to explore things like Bridgeport Bucks
- b. Flash Food - Stop and Shop – SFTF to continue to promote on social media.
- c. Refill program – Fall focus.
- d. Brown paper bags at grocery stores – Fall Focus