



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
FOOD and WASTE subcommittee meeting

Minutes: March 3, 2023

1. Recycling and Waste Actions:

- a. Glass Recycling pilot – There was a discussion on how to increase the participation. Churches would be a great secondary location if they were willing, we will request of St Anthony’s and St Tim’s.
- b. Food waste program - Possible secondary locations are the Audubon and Congress Fire station. These would likely be a three month trial so confirm that we are not getting contamination. Costs are \$325 / month for pick up of up to 4 bins. Mary will reach out to the Fire station and Becky will reach out to Audubon. Becky to drafts letters to all of the local Grocery store managers requesting that they carry BPI certified bags. Dan is interested in setting up a fun “Scan Scraps” food waste recycling program in Stratfield village area. Participants would get QR coded bags and get fun incentives for participation.
- c. OOPS stickers – There is still no update from the town on when this program will start.
- d. Mattress recycling event for spring – Bob updated the group on the two dates May 6 and October 14th. Bob will reach out to Jim to get into Brenda’s newsletter and Rabab to promote on Social media. Becky will see if we can update the prior signage for Earth Day events.
- e. Seminars on recycling and composting - The libraries have been contacted about possible dates as well as Audubon.
- f. School recycling initiatives / Green team - The green teams have been doing Milk carton recycling at Dwight and Stratfield. They will be working with the School administration as well as a sustainable CT grant opportunity to expend Food waste recycling into four additional schools. A call will be set up with Curbside to see if there is an opportunity to cost effectively recycling the Compostable trays.
- g. Discount composter program – Novamont is not able to fund a grant this year so an alternate suggestion is to work with Local hardware stores to promote at home composters
- h. Lee Sawyer grant updates - no updates



- i. Rotary Pillars of the Community – Becky was nominated as one of the five Rotary Pillars of the community and will be honored at a dinner on March 24th. Mary and Bob are drafting a short highlights write up.

2. Food Actions:

- a. Farmers market and sustainable food options outreach