



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force  
FOOD and WASTE subcommittee meeting

**Minutes: September 1, 2023**

**1. Recycling and Waste Actions:**

- a. Glass Recycling pilot - Becky to follow up with John C about a secondary location at the Northern part of town.
- b. Food waste program - We are averaging about 2-3 food waste kits each week at the farmers market but what is interesting is that many people are saying they are dropping off their food waste and don't need a kit. We need to make sure to remind these people that they must use BPI certified bags and also that no packaged food is to be put in the bins. Finally, Curbside compost is raising its prices and that might drive more people to start doing it themselves. Dan has about 8000 BPI certified bags that he is willing to donate to the town food waste program. Becky to reach out to the Town staff to propose the idea.
- c. OOPS stickers and Clean the Stream - Still no town meeting with Haulers.
- d. Mattress Recycling – October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 12:30 at Veterans Park. Becky dropped off signs at the transfer station and Main library. And we will promote it at the Farmers market.
- e. Farmers market outreach - We have been promoting Home energy audits, glass recycling, Food waste recycling, the Sustainable CT grant and other SFTF items at the weekly Sherman green farmers market.
- f. School recycling initiatives / Green team - All of the custodians have now been trained on Food waste recycling and will start separating at all the schools, even those that currently do not have funds for a pickup. Fridges are on order and share tables have been approved.
- g. Meeting with Town on Saving money in Recycling – Becky to set this up in September.
- h. Sustainable CT grant - The Green teams (Sustainability VP of the PTA council) - there was a discussion to reach out to local organizations who have been known to support charitable causes: Rotary ( Becky), Bigalow ( Mary), Kiwanis ( Mary), Lions club ( no designated person to contact ). It was also suggested we reach out to local churches.

**2. Food Actions:**



- a. SNAP at farmers market - Becky and Emma to canvas the vendors at the farmers market this coming weekend to see who takes SNAP at other sites. Mary to reach out to Parks and Rec for a list of vendors.
- b. Flash Food - Stop and Shop - Continue to promote.
- c. Refill program - Focus for fall
- d. Brown paper bags at grocery stores - Focus for fall