



Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
FOOD and WASTE subcommittee meeting

Minutes: May 5, 2023

1. Recycling and Waste Actions:

- a. Glass Recycling pilot - We discussed reaching out to the churches again for secondary drop off locations as well as setting up a table at the farmers market for Glass drop offs (and other things) . Becky to reach out to Misty to see if she can work with the Highschool teams to help staff a table.
- b. Food waste program - The 40% off Kits program will continue until May 15. We are getting good response but could use additional publicity. Meghan will push it out through the green teams.
- c. OOPS stickers and Clean the Stream - We discussed maybe exploring grants for Headcount to staff a short term OPPS program effort.
- d. Mattress recycling event for spring – May 6th 8:30 – 12:30.
- e. Seminars on recycling and composting - Currently only planned event is at Fairfield Woods library on May 8th and that is under enrolled and might be cancelled.
- f. School recycling initiatives / Green team -Great things re happening in the schools. There was a BOE presentation, they are applying for a Sustainable CT grant to add 3 – 5 schools to the Food waste composting program. Share tables are being reinstated and now they need to re-engage the Schools on getting Food Recue back. Mary will reach out to other towns to see if they can write letters.
- g. Discount composter program – This will run through May.
- h. Sustainable CT grant - The Green teams (Sustainability VP of the PTA council) - See above

2. Food Actions:

- a. Farmers market and sustainable food options outreach - We have not heard back yet on whether the Parks and Rec team (now running the Farmers markets) will be willing to do a one year trial of the SNAP program. Once we do, assume they are willing, we will need to create outreach for this



- b. Flash Food - Stop and Shop - The assortment is getting much better. We need to promote this to residents.
- c. Refill program - A letter will be sent to The chamber of commerce as well as Economic development office to recommend we start this program in Fairfield.
- d. Brown paper bags at grocery stores - Becky to craft a note to the RTM based on the Stamford program