

I. Attendance/Welcome Guests

Members: Kevin Malone, Mari Jackson, Mary Isaac, Pam Roman, MEL, Ralph Sather, April Lang

Guests: Janet Epstein, Bill Chin (facilitator), Cindy Katske (town liaison)

II. Review and approve 11/14/22 meeting minutes. Pam moved; Mary seconded. Kevin to re-send 12-12 minutes to Mari and Mary.

III. Waste Reduction

Recycling updates

Some new cans and bottles are now redeemable as of 1-1-23.

We will share info on social media.

Recycling Drive

Holiday lights will be collected at January drive.

Some plastic toys too.

Food scrap initiative

George Estrada visited Fairfield's new food scrap program.

Maybe we can use money from nips bottles to help in Trumbull.

Will follow up with George and Rina re: possible grants

Composting at local apartments? Draft an email, Cindy will fw to Rina.

Food Rescue

Some THS students are looking to collect food at school for Food Rescue.

Maybe ask Haley at Food Rescue if she wants more food suppliers in Trumbull, via Mari.

VII. One Thousand Trees for Trumbull brochure

Trees in the Ground in Spring

Start at Twin Brooks Park, Parks Dept. will water trees for first year.

Will meet w/ Rina re: federal funds to assist in tree planting.

Miyawaki forest program – new possible initiative

10-12 forests in Bpt via Aspetuck Land Trust

V. Outreach

Pollinator Pathway

Re-launch in Nichols area with Nichols Garden Club President, Josh Adams.

TSY updates

Terracycle is kicking off; legislative;
5th grade science curriculum tree program
ECDC

Add ST info to ECDC quarterly newsletter by ~March 2023

F/U on Cut the Cutlery

Conservation Commission

Kaatz Pond project – awaiting IWWC approval in Feb?

Lights Out initiative

2023 meeting schedule

3rd Tuesday of the month; 4 PM

Kevin will send to Patti

VI. Goals for 2023

Establish committees / sub-groups

Determine via google form

Initiate food scrap (pilot?) program in Trumbull

Thousand Trees for Trumbull

Expand Pollinator Pathway

Expand recycling drive

Support students – TSY, Env. Club, others

Town clean-ups

Recruit new volunteers and community outreach

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Minutes prepared by Kevin Malone, Trumbull Nature and Arts Center representative