Trumbull Advisory Sustainability Team

Meeting Minutes
10/19/26

I. Attendance/Welcome Guests

Mari Jackson, Dean Lindsey, Kendra Norman, Courtney Bahr, Janet Epstein, April Lang, Kevin Malone, Bill Chin (facilitator), K. Garvey (attendee)

II. Review and approve 8/12/26 meeting minutes

Courtney moved, Dean seconded. All in favor.

III. Recycling Update from Recycling Coordinator

1. Textile bins:
    i. There are now two bins at transfer station. They collected 340 lbs. in last week of August.
2. Beyond the Bin:
    i. Still collecting at library as well as monthly at THS, increased volume at the library
    ii. Holiday lighting: Will provide collection at THS monthly drive for the Nov-Jan
3. Crayon recycling:
    i. Staples takes them for free but not set up to handle large volumes so we can direct people to this drop off but not set up our own collection as it may exceed their capacity
4. Tire recycling:
    i. Approved by Town Council, EPR program will assume hauling and disposal fees and eliminate fee to residents at transfer station (in process)
5. Gas cylinder recycling EPR program
    i. In planning for transfer station take-back
6. Mattresses
    i. Will collect at THS monthly drive in November

IV. Review of Past Events

1. Costume swaps
    i. Very successful. About 90 shoppers brought and/or took used costumes.
2. Farmer's Market
    i. Kid's activity. Made tic tac toe boards from bottle caps and other items.

V. Possible Upcoming Events

1. Used Toy Drive

i. Tashua dad is following up with the organization who accepts the donations to confirm if we can proceed with our collection

2. Winter Library Sustainable Fair
    i. Possible topics: composting, planting, invasive species,
3. Repair Café
    i. Kevin and Dean to review further.

4. Spring Swap for sporting good equipment

VI. New Programs

1. Food Rescue / food donation at schools
    i. Program summary
        1. Daniels Farms is in their second year.
        2. Jane Ryan started this year
2. Food scrap program and/or education on available programs for rental properties
    i. Mari is looking to start this. Let Mari know if you would like to help.

VII. Other Business

1. Plan to send out more frequent social media posts on various topics
2. Sustainable CT re-certification
    i. Trumbull is re-certified at bronze level.
    ii. Sustainable Trumbull to receive award on November 10 event in Hartford. Would anyone like to join Mari?

Meeting ended 4:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by K. Malone, TNAC representative to Sustainable Trumbull