

Town of Darien
Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Regular Meeting Minutes-*DRAFT*****
August 9, 2023
Meeting Held Virtually Via “GoToMeeting”

Present: Kathy Finnegan, Carolyn Bayne, Cliff vanVoorhees, Amanda Craig, Tony Campanella (Office of Public Works)

12:00pm Call to Order without a quorum present

- Sidewalk Sale Recap
 - A few people stopped and scanned the informational QR code. It would be a better use of time for the committee to target a larger audience at once.
 - We should target newcomers to town.

- Food Scrap stats:
 - July 2023, 3.8 tons of food waste were diverted from MWS.
 - Fiscal year 2023 (end date 6/30/23, 42.2 tons total were diverted from MSW.

- Communications News:
 - Carolyn presented to the Haven community members breakfast a powerpoint on recycling, Sustainable CT, and the food waste program.

- Investigate leaf blower ordinance
 - Gas powered leaf blowers present a health(emissions), and noise issue as well as disrupt pollinators and insects.
 - Westport has instituted time limits for when leaf blowers can be used. Norwalk is working on an outright ban, and Ridgefield is working on a partial ban through their Ridgefield C.A.L.M. program.
 - For our next meeting we will be gathering data from team members and next steps

- EV fleets, infrastructure, funding:
 - Mohan and Tony have had talks with different companies that build stations on where to build charging infrastructure, as well as cost to build and who would be allowed to use it (Examply, one company is \$14K for a two head charging station.

- Funding avenues need to be explored outside of state rebates.
- Tony added they have reached out to New Canaan for more information.
- They have met with a software company Charge Point that runs software for charging stations.
- There will be a presentation for the Selectmen.
- One question to answer, do we build charging stations that the public can use, or keep them for town employees only.

1:07 pm Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Christine LaJaunie, Secretary