

## Litchfield SMART Task Force Meeting Minutes

Held on Zoom

June 9, 2021

Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Members Present: J Geci, K Zullo, C Liley, H Simko, L Loose, S Mullen

Attending: D Raap, First Selectwoman; N Boccio, Litchfield Public Works Liaison

### **RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE**

New ordinance for Recycling Center was passed. The rules and regulations will be updated for July 1st. Swap shop was dismantled during the pandemic. They are working to get tables and area set up to open. Naomi will coordinate with Parks and Rec to have the same. Town of Essex did a good food scrap recycling guide that Litchfield could recreate. The number of compost containers was increased to 8.

### **GRANT APPLICATION**

C Liley and S Mullen put together the first draft of the Lee Sawyer Grant. The task force worked together to edit the application. Changes included suggestions to add more data, including the tonnage expected to be saved by compost. H Simko will send information on the restaurant's survey. Discussion on marketing. C Liley asked what would happen to finished compost once the town could compost its own food waste. A plan to return compost to residents was discussed. Part of the discussion included the website, including adding a button to the recycling page on the town's home page. Also discussed was what type of bucket would be appropriate, and perhaps an option of choosing between. N Boccio suggested looking at other towns for inspiration.

In the budget, D Raap suggested adding technical support. K Zullo suggested ordering buckets after households register for large or small size. Finding someone to pick up compost on a weekly basis was discussed, either paid or volunteer. D Raap suggested focusing pickup on commercial entities. C Liley will incorporate changes and send out another draft to the committee.

### **UPDATE ON REDUCING TRASH AT SCHOOLS**

The committee discussed a matching grant with Sustainable CT. D Raap shared the crowdfunding project with Sustainable Litchfield to fund a pollinator garden at the solar project. Litchfield has earned a bronze designation for Sustainable Litchfield.

### **TRASH IN CENTER OF TOWN**

Discussion Postponed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

J Geci will bring a deer figurine to the Recycling Center as an attention getter. C Liley shared that Board of Education will look at a plan to get rid of disposables, which passed the facilities committee. J Geci will send a letter of support representing the task force.

Meeting Adjourned 5:38

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo