

GREEN TASK FORCE
MINUTES of April 16, 2012 MEETING

To: Patricia H. Strauss, Town Clerk
Westport, Connecticut

Members Present: David Mann, Steve Smith, Steve Edwards, Hal Kendig, Cathy Talmadge, Robby Gershowitz, George Masumian

Members Absent: Alan Abramson, Bruce Haymes, Caroline Foster, Wendy Batteau, Ken Bernhard

David Mann called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The minutes from the February 29th meeting were approved. The minutes from the March 19th meeting were approved with small changes pending.

Bijal Patel spoke about the Neighbor to Neighbor Coalition Meeting on April 11th and the progress that was made among the organizations. She also talked about the Maker Faire on April 28th, as well as future canvassing opportunities, and the extension of oil funding for HES visits.

Pippa Bell Ader spoke about possible canvassing in condo areas around town as well as our new Staples Intern, Jamie Yarmoff. She also spoke about the phone call that was had about future HES visits for income eligible residents through Homes with Hope among others.

Virginia P'an spoke about her local business Yumi Ecosolutions and the background of the company, and how her product works. Ultimately she talked about how the Task Force could get involved with her biodegradable products and promote them.

The Task Force talked about compost and biodegradable products in town, as well as about the way that trash in town gets disposed.

The Task Force then talked about the energy use of the town, specifically about how there is a 5% increase in town residential energy use and a 15% decreases in town municipal energy use. The Task Force then talked about ways to encourage people to decrease energy use, as well as possible ways to reduce energy use at Staples.

Steve Smith then spoke about the new electric car charger at the town train station, and about the status of Elektron Solar in regards to the electric car charger downtown.

The Task Force then talked about the We Green Awards and wanted to have a press release sent out for nominations, with a final vote in May. The possible categories that were suggested were students, businesses, non-profits, and individuals.

David Mann spoke about the future of Sustainable Success Stories, and about possibly having quarterly stories. He also talked about possibly having businesses in town being the feature of a story, rather than just an individual.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Submitted by:

David Mann
Chair

Robby Gershowitz
Acting Secretary