



## Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

5:30 P.M.

City Hall, Meeting Room 3

165 Church Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

New Haven, Connecticut

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendance:

Laura Cahn, EAC  
Pierre Barbour  
Iris Kaminski, EAC  
Allan Appel, New Haven Independent  
Kristyn Gorton, EAC  
Aaron Goode  
Jeff Simone  
Dan Knudsen  
Nick Tabio, Yale Daily News  
Anstress Farwell  
Mary Pasti  
Annie Imbornoni  
Henry Auer, EAC  
Kevin McCarthy, EAC  
Chris Schweitzer  
Kathy Fay, EAC  
Aicha Woods  
Jayuan Carter

#### **I. Call to Order and Announcements**

EAC will not meet in July or August

Earth Day Events/Activities --

Sign outside St. Paul's Union American Methodist Church on Chapel St: I was going to waste but Jesus recycled me.

4-day Yale Environmental Film Festival starts tonight at 7

EAC Plant/Bird Contest – Now through April 22 – Winners to be announced May 11th

CTLCV Carbon Pricing Forum, Thurs, April 11, 7:30-9p – McCook Auditorium, Trinity College

**Green Forum on Plastic Pollution**, Thursday, April 4, 6:30 -8:00 PM St. John's Episcopal Church,, Vernon

**Climate Change: Exploring the Intersection of Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice**

Monday, April 8, 6:30 pm, Glastonbury Riverfront Community Center

**Stand Up for Climate Action & Equity**, Sunday, April 14, 1:00 pm, CT State Capitol, Hartford

#### **II. Approval of Minutes of March Meeting**

KF moved, KM second, all in favor, none opposed.

Yale Daily News coverage of March meeting:

<https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2019/03/07/eac-hosts-tweed-expansion-dissident/>

### **III. Old Business**

#### **a. Committee Reports –**

**Lawn Chemicals - LC** - Monsanto lost 2<sup>nd</sup> California Roundup trial, 11,220+ cases waiting to be heard. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/27/us/monstanto-roundup-california-verdict.html>

CGA Environment Committee heard testimony on 2 bills, SB 76, to return right to restrict pesticides to municipalities and HB 5999, to fund DEEP pesticide program for licensing, inspections, etc.

NPR Report from Iowa – Chemical companies bought the process: <https://www.npr.org/2019/03/30/707673393/meet-the-small-town-newspaper-editor-whos-drawing-2020-democrats-to-rural-iowa>

**Energy:**

**Water:**

**Sustainable Materials** – NHSW&RA presentation follows committee reports.

**Transportation – KG** – Rock to Rock Bike Ride is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Soil** – KF – Committee held first meeting. Nathan Bixby is contact: [havens4thriving@gmail.com](mailto:havens4thriving@gmail.com) or [Nathan.bixby@gmail.com](mailto:Nathan.bixby@gmail.com).

**Turf** –

#### **b. Plastic Bag Reduction Plan – Esther Armand**

Committee (Esther Armand, Pierre Barbour, Sherill Baldwin, Laura Cahn) met to discuss best approach. Legislation drafting in process. NY passed statewide plastic bag ban: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/28/nyregion/plastic-bag-ban-.html>. Plastic bag reusers are not happy:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/31/nyregion/plastic-bag-ban-new-york.html>

#### **c. Updates on Pending Issues –**

##### **Light Pollution/Trespass Legislation**

LC - Alder Richard Furlow's committee (including city plan, zoning, health dept, police, and Corporation Counsel) continues to meet to draft legislation to revise zoning on outdoor lighting and signs, which is currently from the 1970's. Next meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Wheeler St Transfer Station Expansion**

LC - Murphy Rd posted notice in the NH Register 3/28/19 of permit application for expansion AND tying and bailing (which they did not mention in presentation to EAC or CMT) – no copy of the application from DEEP yet.

##### **English Station Power Plant** - summary of meeting 3/11 from NHI:

[https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/ui\\_english\\_station/](https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/ui_english_station/). Anstress and Aaron are waiting for answers to questions they asked at the meeting.

**Idling** – no update

**Leaf Blowers** – no update

**d. Educational Initiatives -**

**New Haven Bird/Native Plant Contest**

KG made a beautiful flyer. Flyers and entry forms are being distributed in children's depts. at public libraries. Contest ends on Earth Day, Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Winners will be announced at East Rock Park on Nat'l Bird Migration Day, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2p.

**Sustainability Bee – t.b.a.**

**g. New Haven Climate & Sustainability Framework Update –**

Anyone who is working on or has completed work on any of the action items should inform Dawn Henning so she can revise the online document.

**IV. New Business**

**a. Textile Recycling and Bag Initiatives – presentation by Pierre**

**Barbour, New Haven Solid Waste & Recycling Authority**

To celebrate Earth Day, NHSW&RA is offering coupons and extended drop-off hours April 26 and 27 and encouraging residents to recycle textiles and shoes of all sorts (sneakers, sandals, cleats, etc.). Many textiles and shoes can be recycled, even if they are no longer usable for the purpose they were made. (Powerpoint presentation attached) Link to coupons: <https://nhswra.com/earth-day-2019-coupons/>

**b. Local Control of Electricity and Gas: Community Choice Aggregation – presentation by Dan Knudsen and Aaron Goode, NHETF**

The concept of CCA was introduced, explained, and discussed. It was agreed that we would continue to work on making CCA possible in CT by trying to get enabling legislation passed.

**V. Legislative Updates** – We are watching CGA website to track environmental bills still pending

**VI. Adjournment**

**FUTURE MEETINGS: June 5 – Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4**