



## Environmental Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 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  
Kristyn Gorton, EAC  
Annie Imbornni  
Mary Pasti  
Henry Auer, EAC  
Kathy Fay, EAC  
Iris Kaminski, EAC  
Esther Armmand  
Dan Knudsen  
Anthony Allen  
Kevin McCarthy, EAC  
Aaron Goode  
Aicha Woods  
Giovanni Zinn

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

Reminder: EAC will not meet in July or August (unless there is a need) but we will be called upon to testify at hearings

NYT article about microplastics/microbeads: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/18/science/what-are-microplastics.html>

NYT Food Section today entitled THE CLIMATE ISSUE:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/04/30/dining/climate-change-food-eating-habits.html>

Lawn Club hosting environmental art exhibit, opening reception May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Resilient Connecticut Workshop: Developing A Planning Framework for NH and Fairfield Counties Wed, 5/22, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm UConn Stamford, Auditorium

GZ – both he and Dawn Henning are about to add to their families. Giovanni's wife is expecting a girl (after 3 boys); Dawn and her husband are expecting a boy (her first child).

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

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

Yale Daily News coverage of April meeting:

<https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2019/04/05/environmental-council-talks-soil-textile-recycling/>.

#### **III. Old Business**

##### **a. Committee Reports –**

**Lawn Chemicals - LC** – Lawn companies are starting to spray. TLC applied Triplet and Trimec (both contain 2,4D and dicamba) and Quinclorac. -- TLC did not notify abutters before application. Judge in Roundup trial placed a gag order on Monsanto after it kept making advertising claims of Roundup safety after losing 3<sup>rd</sup> trial. Monsanto Roundup Trial Tracker blogger Carey Gillam reported on documents showing Monsanto

tried to have its own scientists write papers touting safety of Roundup and pay scientists at universities to attach their names to the papers for publication in scientific journals.

**Energy:** Andrew Minikowski of CT Office of Consumer Counsel coming to June EAC meeting to discuss CCA.

**Water**

**Sustainable Materials** – per Pierre Barbour – RA had more visitors in response to the Earth Day initiative than they've had in past 2 years.

**Transportation – KG** – May is Drive Less CT month, Bike-to-work-week is coming.

GZ - From Doug Hausladen goNewHavenGo 2020 kick-off tomorrow, State St Station, 9a

**Soil** – KF – NHS is sponsoring 2 workshops on rain garden installation, 5/2 and 5/31 with Mike Dietz of UConn NEMO program.

**Turf** – LC - Yale has started removing soil and replacing it with plastic. Generating lots of noise and heavy equipment rumbling up and down Cleveland Road. Huge piles of dirt and sand/gravel near corner of Yale and Edgewood. IK – thinks heavy equipment may be using McKinley Av too.

**b. Plastic Bag Reduction Plan – Esther Armand** – Draft resolution (distributed at meeting) was submitted to Board of Alders. EAC will be called upon to advocate for it at public hearing.

**c. Updates on Pending Issues –**

**i. Light Pollution/Trespass Legislation – LC** - Draft ordinance coming soon

**ii. Wheeler St Transfer Station – Expansion application in process**

**Wheeler St** – Murphy Rd Recycling has applied to both the city and state for expansion.

City Plan Commission will hold a public hearing, probably June 19<sup>th</sup> (date to be confirmed by end of May).

DEEP WEED needs to do a sufficiency review, technical review and draft everything, NTD (approve or deny) is not expected before late summer/early fall 2019.

**iii. English Station** – NH Independent reported: Dicey Deals Kept English Station Dirty, [https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/fishy\\_english\\_station/](https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/fishy_english_station/)

**d. Educational Initiatives -**

**i. New Haven Bird/Native Plant Contest** – Ended 4/22, winners to be announced 5/11. Please try to attend. [N.B. event was changed to 5/13.]

**ii. Sustainability Bee – t.b.a.**

**e. City and State Sustainability Initiatives -**

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

Dawn Henning did not hear from anyone about actions being worked on or completed. She will update the document as people contact her.

**ii. Sustainable CT** – per Dawn Henning – we will have another Yale Undergraduate Fellow, Travis Tran, working with us this summer who will help us collect and update information for our Sust CT application (due in August). Each action has its own expiration period so some of our actions from last year will carry over but some are only good for

one year and will need to be updated, in addition to meeting new actions. I hope he will be able to attend an EAC meeting or two (if you are holding them this summer) as I think it would be a fruitful experience for him and nice for you all to meet him.

**IV. New Business**

**a. Community Choice Aggregation – Draft Ordinance** ready for review

**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**