

**WBOE Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes March 29, 2019**

**Attending:** Claire Coleman, Chair; Bob Gilbert, Superintendent; Pam Roach (SCRCOG), Ashley Muspratt (Center for EcoTechnology (CET)), Jon Gorham, Michelle Cohen, Hillary Grant, community; Vito Esparo, Jane Roddy, Kris Hart-Rooney, Beej Ahern, BRS staff.

1. Call to Order at 7:31
2. No Public Comment
3. Committee heard Presentation by Center for EcoTechnology (CET) and SCRCOG Consultant Pamela Roach re: regional services on Solid Waste and Recycling/Materials Management.

Ashley explained that CET could provide Beecher with free consultation on putting together a food waste reduction program for Beecher, and the process CET uses to provide technical assistance. In CET's experience implementing food waste programs at schools is either cost-neutral or results in savings for the school. Elementary schools easily implement food waste reduction programs and kids are eager to "self-police." Partnerships with PTOs and other champions are recommended.

4. John Gorham discussed some best practices learned at the zero waste faire on March 23, 2019, and the plans the Town Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee is considering for composting and waste reduction. (Attachment of pictures Provided)

5. Committee Reviewed Process of Becoming a Green Leaf School and benefits of being eligible for grants as a green leaf school and public recognition. Committee agreed to move forward by establishing a Green Team. Next step after establishing a green team will be to submit letter of commitment. (Checklist as attachment).

6. Rid Litter Day on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 11-1. Beecher Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee will have a table

7. Next Steps:

- a. Ashley Muspratt will visit Beecher on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am
- b. Administration will confirm with Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee members and prospective members that expressed interest whether able to participate in Green Leaf Schools Green Team.
- c. Next meeting on Friday May 3, 2019