

Town of Fairfield

Sustainable Fairfield Task Force

Charge:

Sustainable development is defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Sustainable Fairfield Task Force will assist the Town of Fairfield in optimizing its relationship with the built and natural environment and in establishing sustainability as a fundamental consideration in meeting the varied and complex needs of our Town. The Task Force will encourage sustainable development by identifying, promoting, and facilitating, as appropriate, public, private and municipal sector best practices and sustainable technologies. The Task Force will work with Town staff, elected officials, Town committees and commissions, and volunteers as well as residents and businesses to stimulate discussion and ideas to facilitate the adoption of practices, policies and projects designed to improve the future environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the community.

The Sustainable Fairfield Task Force shall periodically update the Town of Fairfield's Sustainability Plan with input from residents, businesses, and the Town government. The Task Force will also provide input and guidance to other Town planning efforts to help further sustainability objectives. The vision presented in the Sustainability Plan is broadly applicable to the Town and business infrastructure and operational services, as well as in the lives of residents. The Sustainability Plan underscores the role of sustainability as a critical Town of Fairfield value in reducing environmental impact, maximizing efficiency for all sectors, and cutting unnecessary costs in all areas. Further, the Sustainability Plan provides a framework for community members to personally understand the importance of adopting sustainable activities such as recycled material use, water conservation, energy efficiency, and commitment to public transportation.

Communication and education shall be hallmarks of the Sustainable Fairfield Task Force. By reaching, encouraging, and empowering individuals, departments, and businesses to advocate for and take action, collectively the Fairfield community will be served. The Task Force will continue to manage the Town's involvement in state and federal sustainability programs. The Task Force will report its activities and progress to the Board of Selectman at least twice per year.

Membership:

The committee shall consist of up to 20 members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Officers (Chair and Treasurer) shall be elected on an annual basis and shall serve no more than four consecutive terms in the same role. Membership on the Sustainable Fairfield Task Force will have no terms and no party affiliation or balance constraints or requirements.

Approved by Board of Selectmen February 21, 2018