

AGENDA
(REVISED NOVEMBER 7, 2023)
STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

VIA THE INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

***** 9:00 A.M. *****

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REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:

1. DAVENPORT RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - LONG TERM FACILITY PLAN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/ASSET RENEWAL - PROJECT #400007 - TOTAL REQUEST \$1,259,662.00:

This is a request to increase the grant appropriation to support Davenport School roof application for school construction.

2. SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING (SWIFR) FOOD WASTE COLLECTION/COMPOST & SUSTANABILITY - PROJECT #001380 - TOTAL REQUEST \$2,016,940.78:

The SWIFR Food Waste Collection/Composting & Sustainability project's main goal is to reduce the amount of food waste the City of Stamford sends to landfills by collecting and composting it as well as through education and outreach in Stamford's thirteen neighborhoods. This project is expected to eliminate about 667 metric tons of CO2 emissions that would have otherwise been emitted from landfills in the grant period. It contributes to Mayor Simmons' environmental goals. Stamford plans to purchase and install three new composters to be made available in strategic public locations. The City also plans to purchase and install one composter in a Stamford public school (Westhill HS) in a program that will encourage the next generation's (students') involvement in food scrap recycling. If successful, it could become a model for other schools in future projects. The City plans to hire six part-time staff including a truck driver/laborer, four laborers, as well as a Food Waste & Sustainability Coordinator (FWSC) who will manage this project.

In addition, the City plans to purchase and install approximately 52 new food waste collection smart bins (which will be typically installed on street sidewalks and other locations, such as parks). The City plans to purchase a new truck to be used by the driver and two of the laborers to pick up curbside food waste containers from participating large multi-unit housing complexes as well as the interior containers of the smart bins (filled with food scraps). Plans are for the other two laborers to work with the public at two of the new composter sites for two days a week (including Saturdays) to accept food waste drop-offs and run the composting machines. The purchase of the food waste collection smart bins will be spread over the project period as community education and outreach efforts will continue to build awareness regarding and increase participation in food waste recycling.

The City plans to purchase a large number of the Home Food Scrap Recycling Kits and plans to give them away during community meetings throughout the grant period to help motivate interested residents to recycle food scraps. The City will partner with the Mill River Park Collaborative, Stamford Downtown (DSSD), and an ambassador for each of Stamford's 13 neighborhoods for this project's education, outreach, promotion, ideas, and collaboration efforts. The grant includes funding for marketing, public outreach, communications, and research to improve our food waste recycling program. Construction will be required for each of the composters to build concrete pads, roofs/overheads, area perimeter security (e.g., fencing), and install power. Smart bin installations require concrete foundations, so some small concrete pads will need to be built for locations that do not already have concrete.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings are:

- November 14, 2023 - Capital Budget
- November 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting & Capital Budget Call-back
- November 28, 2023 - Regular Meeting & Public Hearing
- December 12, 2023 - Capital Budget Review