









## **LATEST NEWS**

## Weston Power Choice: Community Choice Aggregation is moving forward



Weston submitted its aggregation plan for <u>Weston Power Choice</u> to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) on October 29, 2020. As part of the regulatory process, a public hearing for the plan was held on February 24, 2021, for which SWAG submitted a letter of support. Once the plan is approved in late 2021 or early 2022, the Town will select an electricity supplier and, in

close cooperation with SWAG, inform the community on next steps.

# C'mon Weston: Let's reduce waste!



Did you know Westonites disposed of ~1625lbs of waste per household on average in 2019, much more than many neighboring towns? And that approximately 25% of household waste consists of food scraps? By removing food from the waste stream, Weston residents can significantly reduce their total waste, lower their carbon footprint, and create nutrient-rich compost to aid healthy plant growth. In coordination with the Town, SWAG recently launched a campaign to help residents reduce their food and other waste streams. For more information, please check out our website and

be on the lookout for more in the months ahead.

## Weston Ahead: Weston's first ever Climate Action Plan is near ready



Weston is on track to publish a draft version of the Town's first ever, Climate Action & Resilience Plan for public comment in April. Keep an eye out <a href="here">here</a> for the chance to add your input. Also out for public consumption is a <a href="Climate Action Toolkit">Climate Action Toolkit</a> for Homeowners which highlights resources from composting to electric vehicles to pollinator gardens.

#### Weston Plant Pollinator Alliance ("WPPA"): website and demo gardens on the way



Would you like to learn about local wild pollinators, their role in maintaining a balanced ecosystem, and what you can do in your yard to help at-risk pollinators thrive? The <u>WPPA</u> is launching its own website in April to serve as an actionable community resource on wild pollinator conservation. Further, the WPPA, in collaboration with the Weston Water Working Group and Rail Trail Committee, is gearing up to install the first of several pollinator preservation demonstration gardens at the Concord Rd. entrance to the Rail Trail in

early June. These gardens aim to inspire residents to incorporate native plants that conserve water and provide key resources for at-risk pollinators into their own yards.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIONS: JOIN US!**

- Fourth Annual Town-Wide Cleanup: April 11 April 18 Help clean-up Weston during the Fourth Annual Town Cleanup. The goal is to unite friends and neighbors around a common cause while following safety guidelines offered by our health officials. Spread the word, join in and share your pictures. Find more info closer to the date on the Weston Town CleanUp Facebook Page.
- Recycle your plastic bags: ongoing Students for Environmental Action at the Weston High School are running a town-wide plastic bag collection initiative. Collection bins are located at the Weston High School, Field School and behind Brother's Marketplace. Collected bags will be turned into composite boards by Trex. If Weston collects 500lbs, a high quality composite board bench will be the reward! For details on what can be recycled, check here.
- Land's Sake Farm Community Information Session: March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm Learn about upcoming improvements at Land's Sake Farm and how the farm is becoming more sustainable. <u>Email</u> Land's Sake Farm with your name and address to register and receive Zoom meeting details.