

May 1, 2019

### **Town of Weston declares 2019 as the Year of the Pollinator**

The Weston Garden Club, Sustainable Weston, and Lachat Town Farm, are pleased to announce that First Selectman, Chris Spaulding, will announce 2019 as the Year of the Weston Pollinator.

The announcement, which will take place **Sunday, May 5th at 1pm at Lachat Town Farm**, coincides with the launch of the Pollinator Pathway in Weston. The goal of the pollinator pathway is to encourage residents to:

*PLANT NATIVE - Supplement your existing beds, or add new native beds.*

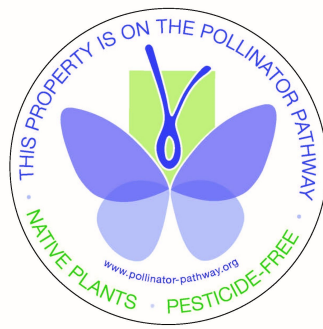
*MOW HIGH AND LIE - Keep your grass at a minimum of 3" and leave clippings in place.*

*REDUCE YOUR LAWN - Consider adding native plants and shrubs at the edge of your lawn - to create a buffer between lawn and woods.*

*ELIMINATE HARMFUL PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES AND AVOID ALL NEONICOTINOIDS*

There are already many pollinator friendly, native plantings in town; Lachat Town Farm Community Gardens, Lachat Town Farm pollinator meadow, Weston Middle School, Hurlbutt Elementary School, The Senior Center, Town Hall, Post Office and the Library. These plantings are supported by various organizations in town including Town Beautification, the PTO, Weston Garden Club and our scout troops.

The Town of Weston does not currently use pesticides or herbicides on any town owned land. In addition, if residents do not want the Department of Public Works (DPW) to mow native wildflowers adjacent to your property, please place a "Do Not Mow" sign. The DPW will observe these signs as long as sight lines / road safety, is not in jeopardy.



Following the proclamation, Sustainable Weston, Weston Garden Club, and Lachat Town Farm have sponsored an informative discussion with environmental leaders regarding safer alternatives for lawn and yard care.

Sincerely,

Weston Garden Club, Lachat Town Farm, Sustainable Weston



**Pollinator meadow, Lachat Town Farm, Summer 2018**