

Recycling Committee Meeting Notes

August 10, 2010 The meeting started at 6:35 PM

Those present: Israel Willard, Justin Leavitt, Johnna McKenna, Lori Baldwin, Lew Henry, Andrew Stockwell and Barbara Swanson

1. There was some discussion on the number's given at the last meeting (for the price of a truck and income generated by some recycling for example). The committee would like a more accurate tallying of revenues and costs for a more accurate net income/loss for the recycling facility. The town should be able to provide numbers for electricity, administration, glass, compost, leaching, fuel, etc. and Justin can get the numbers for the actual costs per month for trash hauled, recycling revenue, etc. from DES (Dept. of Environmental Services), NRRA, Concord Co-op and his own figures from the facility.
2. The minutes for the July 13, 2010 meeting were approved.
3. Discussion led to the purpose of the Recycling Committee: to make recommendations to the town with regards to what the best practice/solution for recycling would be for the town and to give periodic updates to the town of our progress. We have been submitting monthly minutes of our meeting, but the committee will need to prepare a report of our recommendations for the town meeting next Spring. We also need to prepare an update for the Selectman's Committee (see #9 below)
4. The Open House scheduled for October 3rd, 2010 was discussed and it was decided to postpone this event for now. It was suggested that we could present a type of slide show on the town's website that could show how the facility works and perhaps some of the other newsworthy items at the facility to promote more recycling (for example: caps are recyclable; assorted bins are for sale at the facility; aluminum cans are separated from tin cans, etc.) This slide show could be used for school presentations as well as at the town meeting in the Spring. Israel and Lori volunteered to take photos. The fliers that were dropped off at the Year Round Library and the town's Corner Library will need to be removed or updated to read as postponed and a notice needs to be put in the paper that this Open House event is postponed.
5. Recycling and recycling education at the school was brought up. Lori would like to start a recycling club at the school. It was suggested that she meet with someone at the school who is currently recycling (Miss Phillips?) to develop the club idea. Johnna and Andrew volunteered to be a part of this sub-group of the Recycling Committee.
6. It was mentioned that Larry Frates offered to design a Recycling Character. Israel was mentioned as a possible model for the character.
7. Preparations for Old Home Day (August 14th) were discussed. Justin will deliver the Recycle-mobile to a central location. Lori had several recycling crafts planned for an activity table, but needed someone to "man" the booth. Lew offered to be there. Fliers will be on the table for folks to take and ask questions about (Breane will deliver).
8. Regarding the paperwork that was sent from Liz Bedard on Single Stream benefits, the committee discussed the need to know more about the facts presented. Justin is to invite Liz to our next meeting noting that this is for information only and to keep an open mind for all types of recycling.

9. Though the committee is not really ready to present any findings to the Selectman's Committee, there were some recommendations: to move the spare containers which would ease the flow of traffic and to create a new entrance (further north). The final approval came through for the latter and this approval is good for a year.
10. Additional topics mentioned:
 - To mail information on how to save money on your taxes by recycling to the town. (*Israel checked on the cost of this and since the town does not use bulk mailing, it would cost \$1000.00 or so)
 - There was an error on our Hazardous Waste Day flier. Computers and keyboards are not recyclable.
 - We should invite other town committees to our meeting and see how we can help one another (for example: Garden Club / composting)

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30PM. Because it is Primary Day, the committee will meet downstairs in the Selectman's Room. (This was confirmed by Israel, who spoke with Tim.)

Respectfully submitted,



Recording clerk