

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2008

10:30am-12:15pm

Present:

Brian Whidden
John Coyle
Janna Morrissey
Jean Landis-Naumann
Michael Rohr
Katie Condon
Gene Wyatt

Voted to accept minutes

Organized Committee

- Chair=Gene Wyatt
- Vice-Chair=Brian Whidden
- Secretary=Katie Condon

Discuss Email regulations to keep open meeting laws:

- Can set agenda for next meeting
- Can schedule meetings and who is able to attend
- Can't discuss any issues

Establish purpose of Recycling Committee:

- Education
- Increase recycling at transfer station
- Not specifically defined by town by-laws

Updates:

- Mike:
 - Brought the 3 plans for new TS and documents requested at last meeting
 - TS is set to be built 3 yrs from 5/07-plan will be set next year
 - Is a lawsuit pending with town re: cardboard compactor by neighbors of TS which is delaying install
 - Is it possible to put slit on cardboard bin to make break down boxes?
- Katie:
 - PAC-TV has information about new recycling to post on channels 13, 14, and 15

- PAC-TV has Public Service Announcement Day where they teach a group how to make a PSA and they run it on station for you-Katie will try to get more information
- Has spoken to Shelly Loring at Town Clerk's office and she will update town website with new recycling info and she will add a new link from town's homepage on recycling symbol with recycling information
- Brian:
 - Contacted high school regarding projects
 - Head of AV department-video group at HS will be involved in making video about recycling
 - Recycling Club at HS wants to do video, too(be in it)
 - Building Project Coordinator (Elliot Glass) will build swap shop if town pays for materials + 15% surcharge-2-3 years from now
 - Bob Scott-a civil engineer will do design

Swap Shop:

- Need to be sure that would have volunteers and/or paid worker to monitor swap shop
- Could talk to volunteer coordinator at high school for volunteers to staff it, and Senior Center coordinator, too
- Could someone other than Paul Basler be in charge of it?
 - Recycling Committee?
 - Could there be fees for items?
 - \$ must be checks
 - Could be Enterprise fund so that \$ earned stays at Transfer Station? (Would need to be voted on at town meeting)

Could be a free swap-shop?

Or part free and part pay?

Data Board:

- Ask Paul B if is possible
- Ask technology committee if can update board through technology
- Go to SS Recycling Coalition for possibility of free board

Is there a scale at T.S. to monitor construction materials?

- Discuss inviting newspapers to profile recycling committee and was we are trying to improve recycling and help the town financially

- Decided to write own article-Katie

April/May-Paul B. will have to put in recommendation for new TS sticker price

- Committee could put in recommendation, too

Plans:

- Katie:
 - Write article for Kingston Reporter
 - Give info to Shelley Loring re: recycling for town's home page
 - Give minutes from last meeting to town clerk (change Michael Rohr's name first)
- Jean:
 - Contact Tom Calter to see if he has a PAC-TV show and one of us could be on
 - Find out if school superintendent can adopt a system-wide policy re: recycling
 - Find out if town uses recycled products in offices and for mass mailings (can they be double-sided, too?)
- Gene:
 - Drop our questions off to Paul Basler for next meeting`
- Janna:
 - Contact Middle School to check on current recycling
- Brian:
 - Contact advisor of recycling club for more information
- John:
 - Reserve room for next meetings and let town clerk know of new regular meeting time

Set Regular time for next meeting:

- Second Saturday each month at library-if possible

Next Meeting: 1/17/08

- Paul Basler will be there to answer questions
- Janine from DEP will be there to discuss her role