

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2008

10:30am-12:00pm

Present:

John Coyle

Janna Morrissey

Jean Landis-Naumann

Katie Condon

Gene Wyatt

Absent:

Michael Rohr

Brian Whidden

- Discuss letter to Selectman from Solid Waste Advisory Committee Letter to Selectmen and article in Kingston Reporter 2/8/08 on same topic
 - Committee recommended keeping transfer station as is- no curbside and no PAYT-feels it leads to too much dumping
- Discuss breaking up into subcommittees to get facts on different options for town-look into costs, advantages, disadvantages, other towns that have each type, etc
 - PAYT-Janna and Katie
 - Curbside-Jean
 - Transfer Station facts for current usage-Jean
 - Transfer Station options when modifying-Gene
 - Grants available to town-Katie
 - Education-
- After we have all facts we could go in front of Selectmen to inform and possible recommend

Updates:

- Janna-
 - At SLMS Michelle Chafee is in charge-They started recycling paper Jan. 2008
 - Are starting to educate students on “stuff” and where things come from and where they go
 - FYI-they use all plastic utensils at SLMS
- Janna-update for Brian
 - He has set up meeting with AV Club and Recycling Club to shoot video

- Katie
 - Has written article for Kingston Reporter
 - Has contacted paper to submit and will try to get it in asap
 - Will see if they'd like more article
- How many visitors go to the dump each week?
- Education
 - Booth at TS to educate on what can be recycled
 - Also pass out Jeanine's pamphlet at TS
 - Or send pamphlet out with next tax bill
- Reminder: Email should only be to send out information
 - If you need to reply to an email, only reply to sender, not to all
 - 1-1 contact is okay, not whole group discussions
- FYI-Jeanine from DEP has been pulled away from her Kingston duties for a while, but she should return soon
- At Selectman's Meeting, it was proposed to ask Fran Hogue if Recycling Committee could do a presentation before next town meeting
- Or could we pass out pamphlet Jeanine is making?
- Could we have a meeting to take stock of public concerns about recycling?
- Could actor Chris Cooper be in our recycling video?

Next Meeting: Sat March 15, 10:30 am at Town Hall

To Do:

- Katie
 - Email Claire Sullivan from South Shore Recycling Coop to come to meeting
 - If she can come, email her our questions so she can bring info with her:
 - Data on options for trash and recycling so we can consider all options
 - Educational materials-advantages of recycling, how long it takes different materials to biodegrade, etc

- Ideas on how to get people on board with new trash/recycling program if one is recommended or instituted
- Jean:
 - Check out if regular batteries can be recycled
- Gene:
 - Send out contact list for all members
 - Will be contact person for pamphlet Jeanine is making
- Everyone
 - please look at Janine's pamphlet and let Gene know what recommendations you have for changing it to be more user friendly