

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2008

10:30am-12:30pm

Present:

John Coyle

Claire Sullivan

Michael Rohr

Jean Landis-Naumann

Katie Condon

Gene Wyatt

- Minutes
 - accepted for Jan and Feb-Katie will submit to town clerk
 - Suggested adding watermark “Draft” to first draft of minutes
- Reps to SSRC
 - SSRC wants Kingston Rep for Coalition
 - John Coyle offered to be rep, Gene Wyatt did , too
 - Next SSRC meeting will be at town hall April 10, 7:00 Room 200
- Field trips discussed for Recycling Committee
 - Possibly plan a could trips to other TS to see swap shops, recycling centers, etc
 - Suggested Bourne, Yarmouth, Wellesley
- Gene discussed receiving info from PAC-TV about making a video through them
- Gene-Update re: recycling program at KIS
 - Going well
 - Lots of paper to be recycled and lots of interest by kids and staff
- John-Info re: Old Colony Scrap Co. in Taunton
 - Wants to talk re: increasing profits in recycling for Kingston
 - Has spoken to Paul Basler before and says he will pay more and offer more services for town
- School Recycling:
 - Avativi is paper company that recycles paper
 - BFI picks up the trash-Can they recycle? Is BFI at all schools?
 - EOMS and Eagle Recycling take deposit cans and give \$

Claire Sullivan From SSRC

- SSRC:
 - Is coalition of 15 towns- Weymouth to Plymouth
 - 2 reps from each town- Kingston currently has 1-Paul Basler
 - SSRC provides assistance to town on recycling issues
- 4/26 Earth Day Celebration at Hanover Mall
 - Aim to educate towns and residents

- SSRC is involved in legislative issues
 - Friday 3/28 at Rockland Radisson 9:30-Breakfast with Legislators-info on website for SSRC
 - Is a bill currently to update Bottle Bill to include water bottles and juice bottles
 - Another bill is to put a 2 cent tax on plastic bags-store pays tax
- It is possible to recycle plastic bags at Transfer Stations (Duxbury does)
- Single Stream recycling is wave of future
 - It leads to more recycling as it is easier to recycle
 - Duxbury switched to single stream an recycling rate is up 26%
 - Must have someone monitoring and enforcing rules
- Pay-As-You-Throw
 - Need to have capacity at TS for more recycling
 - Suggests aiming for 2010
 - With PAYT-sticker price needs to consider all consider for disposal
 - Reduce the price of stickers and then have price for each bag
 - Currently our sticker price for TS is subsidized \$30 per household
 - Claire suggests possibility of removing subsidy first so sticker price reflects actual costs
 - Suggests telling town we need PAYT or sticker price will go up
 - In Kingston are 4700 households and 3500 TS stickers
 - PAYT leads to 35-45% decrease in trash tonnage
 - Need enforcement at TS
 - It's more fair
 - Could hold public hearings
 - Need to get accurate \$ figures for all costs-fixed costs and variable
 - Anticipate some people will switch to private haulers
 - Limit weight if people will compact trash at home
 - There's plenty of markets for recycled goods
- SSRC is trying to get towns to renegotiate with SeaMass together, even before contracts are over
- Do it in 2010 rather than 2014 to get better rate-\$60 rather than \$90
- Town meeting is April 5
 - Claire offered Display re: Mass Recycles Paper Campaign to put out at meeting

NEXT MEETING: April 12 10:30am at Town Hall