

ARSWC Minutes 8/19/21

Attending: Katie Smith, Paul Schlein, Nadine Devries, John Hinds, Roz McLean, Ros Arienti

Approve minutes

May and July: Approved

Contracts out for signature

Both still out. Katie talked to Nancy Rogers about the contract. Nancy thinks in terms of monthly cost, rather than annual. We were concerned that we had different ideas about how the figures in the proposed contract were arrived at. \$238/mo. for recycling was a large % increase, even with no increase in trash fee.

For budget planning in 2022, Nancy suggested that we ask for a bid earlier if we want to get it in March. In the past that has been early for them. Ask by March 1, 2022.

Need: Official Shed Committee (to meet with Kevin Kauffunger and Malcolm Persen for walkabout within the next two weeks)

Nadine volunteered to be our committee's liaison with the Properties Committee. Katie and John will be there to walk around with them. Katie, Nadine and John will be the subcommittee. Katie will send Nadine Kevin's email.

Shed Update- Lisa Johnson (volunteer)

Lisa will help John when he needs help with the shed. Items, such as Rx bottles, assorted plastic bottle caps, CD cases, and CDs, assorted wires have been suspended for recycling for now. He will tell her when they start up again.

Whole Foods is still "no" on recycling corks, Bow Street Market will take them. Paul has half a trash bag and will drop them in Portland or Freeport when he goes. Katie will give Paul what she has, including what's in the shed.

John's Shed report:

3 boat batteries to O'Reilly's for store credit

Summer resident was advised to take HHW to Riverside on the first Saturday of any non-winter month.

John disassembled a paper shredder, which yielded 18 lbs. scrap for recycling, significant plastic for trash, wires and pc board for recycling. Trying to connect with Syd for a scrap pick up. Corning ware, etc., left in Shed, dropped at Goodwill. Need to do a shipment of alkalines. Ready for a new call to Wes for eWaste.

Repair Cafe

(sub-committee: Nadine, Paul and Ros)

Tabled in May, until subcommittee gets together to set goals, presents them to the Select Board, and gets guidance on liabilities.

Welcome Packet (Paul)

Question about reaching new owners as well as renters with information about trash and recycling. Up to homeowners to communicate with renters.

Paul sent a note to Barbara and Sheila asking whether the Town still gives out packets to new residents. Sheila mailed a packet to all new owners before Town Meeting. Paul suggested a note in her newsletter as well.

No sign on the Shed identifying it as ARSWC. Is there an ordinance covering signs? Might advertising it have unwanted effects? In recent years we've been lucky not to have dumping there as happened in the past.

We will need signs if we move to the old Fire Barn. Our recycling brochure does say to take certain items to the shed by the Town Hall. Ongoing conversation.

Revise Recycling Brochure?

Last edit was Dec. 2018.

Katie has several edits to add. Wise to wait until after Covid? Ask Erica at Casella if she has updates.

Advertise that we will take smoke detectors at the Shed. LED bulbs to Bath Landfill and speak to attendant. Nadine, as new home owner, will look over brochure with fresh eyes and provide feedback.

Is there a limit on what can be put out with the trash?

Listing items and where they can be recycled might be more possible online than in the limited space of the brochure. The brochure lists the places and what they take. Ros pulled up recycling brochure from Springfield, MO, as example of a list of items and where to take them. See link.

<https://www.springfieldmo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/15834/Recycling--Donation-Locations-Guide>

Keep brochure in our ongoing conversation.

Town Notice

Schedule change back.

Craig asks that we remind the town about non-recyclable items: plastic bags, pesticide containers, tissues, paper towels, napkins, hazardous plastic materials, such as TruFuel, oil, solvents etc. Put these in trash.

From "Shed Report," add that smoke detectors can be left at the Shed. LED bulbs to Bath Landfill and speak to attendant.

From "Other Items," Recycling left at curb must be dry.

Resident calls (* were there any besides Paul's neighbor's recycling concerns this month?)

Websites for HHW

<https://www.lewistonmaine.gov/720/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal>

<http://riversiderecycles.com/hazardous-waste>

Add these to the brochure.

Other Items

Paul: Neighbor noticed that plastic recycling was put in with trash three times. Craig said that the only reason that would have happened is if there was something wrong in the recycling. Paul checked their bin last week and found nothing wrong.

No rubber bands in mail any more. Mail person bundles mail this way for sorting and has stopped passing them on.

Stone Tree Lane. Recycling left out for several days and filled with water. Katie will add to the notice that recycling has to be dry.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Roz McLean