

ARSWC Minutes 10/15/20

Attending: Katie Smith, John Hinds, Paul Schlein, Roz McLean

Absent: Bill Nickerson, Ros Arienti

Jon Biehler has stepped down from the committee. He will be missed!

Minutes from 8/20/20 and 9/15/20 approved

New Members

There is a question as to the required number of committee members, 7, or more? We might look for one formal member and an alternate. As possible candidates, Katie will reach out to neighbors she has in mind, and/or a town member who has been in touch with concerns about trash and recycling.

The Select Board would need to be notified that we are looking for a new member, and would have to approve the ultimate number of members or alternates that we have. Once approved, Paul will ask Barbara or Sheila to post a sign at Town Hall, and we would put out a notice on the Town's email and the Google Group. Combine this with our notice about bulky waste (below)? Does Katie notify the Select Board?

Add position vacancy to the Town website

Cork Recycling

There is one stuffed grocery bag plus a bit in the Shed. They are going to the Woolwich School art teacher. John found a couple of possibilities for recycling both natural and plastic corks. ReCork America, free recycling, has temporarily shut down. The other, Terracycle, is expensive. They also recycle VHS and cassette tapes. We would have difficulty verifying that Terracycle actually recycles what they collect. Also their rates may be prohibitively high. Is Whole Foods recycling of corks still offline?

Decision to collect and hold future corks until ReCork goes back online.

Task List

We discussed having a Vice Chair who would take on some tasks the Chair now does.

Shed duties: John made additions to the list.

Treasurer: tasks are as is.

Secretary: Add: *After editing, send minutes to the Select Board.*

Chairperson: Meeting facilitator, organizer, link to Select Board. Establish Chair as a rotating position with help from the committee.

Katie would like to delegate the following that are currently tasks of the Chair:

Write Town notices

Write agenda for meetings

Prepare Town Meeting presentation

Zoom invitations

The new committee contact person for the Town will be John Hinds.

How might we easily notify the Town when there is a change in the committee contact person? 1. Put the name in the User's Guide to Recycling. Alternately, or in addition, could we create an email alias that could change recipients as needed, or could be linked to emails of several members of the committee? The Town website is currently registered to Walter Briggs, and we think he could do this for us. He is currently handling the Arrowsic.org emails. Paul Kalkstein is still webmaster.

Bulky Waste Pick-Up: November

Craig Rogers is willing to offer this option for the month of November on an individual household basis. Residents can call Rogers' (442-7104) and leave a message with specific items, name and address. Craig will decide price. Katie will contact Craig. Roz will create a town notice to announce the service and will send to Sheila for sharing with the Town.

Ice Packs for Farmers' Market

Cheese person was looking for some. Discuss next meeting.

DEP Grant Proposal

Due at the end of October, with application due later. We are not in a position to do this now. Some ideas for the future: 1. Expand the recycling shed: zoning

issue. Not zoned for where it is currently. 2. Create a swap shed: would require more space and would need a paid attendant. Community decision and would require the approval of the Select Board. 3. Tool library: tools to borrow. Also a manned position. Better suited to a larger town. 4. Repair Cafe: not at this time.

Other: none

Meeting adjourned: 6:55PM

Next meeting: 11/19/20 5:30 PM by Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Roz McLean