

ARSWC Minutes September 16, 2021

Attending: Katie Smith, Paul Schlein, John Hinds, Nadine de Vries, Roz McLean, Suzanne MacGillivery (town resident)

Absent: Ros Arienti

Approve minutes:

August:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SdM90HwYxiycP0odEdjLOxw56BhNFHU38iG_M6LA2FA/edit Approved

Shed Expansion Sub-committee update- Nadine, John and Katie

New expansion proposal: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hm4-29Zh6PxR9mmctEfmxthtUu0K5jNv/edit>

Properties Committee supports our proposal, and will help us with steps to push it forward, such as suggesting contractors. We do not need their permission to apply for a grant. We would want their input on design and site preparation. Power to little barn is to be changed, making existing power cable available to us for the shed. Motion sensor lights could be installed.

John might have a need to use power tools with recycling.

Steps: Our committee has given approval. Nadine will run design by Kevin Kauffunger and Malcolm Persen on Properties Committee. Our committee will submit proposal to the Select Board. Then we will apply for a grant. Paul spoke to Mark King from DEP about grants. Within two weeks there will be a new grant out. Deadline for submission may be in November. Paul will work with Nadine on that.

Need quotes from builders for the grant proposal. Suggestions: Kevin Bachman, Karen Robbins, Brian Elwell for site work and maybe moving the Shed. John and Katie will meet with possible builders.

If we don't get a grant, we will need to apply to the Town for funding at Town meeting. Katie will ask the Select Board what the process is for moving in that direction.

Drawings:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aDJ8di9qpJ5D9LJoOJNXAw16ZNT9yvqf/view?usp=sharing>

This design made the most sense among several discussed. Existing ditch would be replaced with a pipe and covered over to allow for snow removal. Coordinate site work with Properties Committee as they retrofit Little Barn for Broadband use.

Shed Update: 400 lbs. Scrap prepared by John and taken by C+S Scrap. He has a call out to the e-waste company for pick up. Battery boxes emptied and put in his shed for preparation when he can.

Dumping - 10 assorted trailer tires with rims from the Sewall Pond parking area on Old Stage Rd. to VIP. VIP disposal cost to town = \$49.46. From John, "There isn't a whole lot the committee can do about dumping other than cleaning up dumping promptly to not attract more dumping. On very rare occasions a dumper is caught. I have been fortunate twice with dumpers by finding a name in the dumped items, calling the sheriff's office and getting a promise from a deputy that the person would be getting a visit and a possible fine. But mostly, dumping occurrences are dissatisfying for the one cleaning up."

Repair Cafe Sub-committee update (sub-committee: Nadine, Paul and Ros)

Tabled until next meeting

Late August numbers - created directly from Roz' email dated 8-25-21

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DvZhKCOPv4UWlqcT19v34NMr1dhH7wrZXqUiaNcGfw/edit>

Trash/Recycling summer pick up schedule. Consider changing to bi-weekly to save \$3600. Could Craig manage the volume? Odor consideration? Does this decision have to go before Town Meeting? Check with Select Board.

Suzanne MacGillivery, Town citizen, suggests that bi-weekly does not meet the disposal needs of families with young children.

Katie will ask Craig about impact of added tonnage per pick up.

Terracycle - Paul

Offers recycling of products such as old toothpaste tubes, floss containers, personal care products. You pick a program they offer. Charges may be applied. Special boxes. Charge for shipping? Suggestion that we all look at their website. Discuss at next meeting.

Paul's neighbor's recycling (end of the story) - Paul

Plastics were seen being picked up by trash collectors but paper and cardboard left behind for recycling. Craig suggested that there may have been something in there that contaminated the load. Craig went to the house with the driver. Determined that driver, who had experience in another town, was over zealous. Misunderstanding about what types of plastic are acceptable here.

"Slash the Trash." Geared toward Zero Waste, from Mt. Desert newsletter. One week of lesson notes to Town. Starts Sept. 27, live through social media. One topic: Things to do with food waste. Make a link to their newsletter that Sheila could include in her weekly notes to the Town. Paul will forward link to Sheila to post.

Other items

Next Arrow is due out in November. Bounce topic ideas for an article around by email.

Katie had a call from a resident expressing interest in rejoining the committee.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM

Next Meeting: October 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Roz McLean