

ARSWC SEPTEMBER 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Present:

Katie Smith, Ros Arienti, Paul Schlein, Jon Biehler, Bill Nickerson

Start time: 6:02

End time 7:21

Approve: *August Minutes – done*

Contract updates

We would like a copy of them both once completed.

- Roger's contract received and signed
- Casella – From e-mail exchange between Katie and Sukey it has not been approved or sent to Casella by Select board. Next select board meeting is September 24th.
 - July and August we were charged last year's rate. Wondering if they are going to charge us retroactively. Katie will contact Karen McNaughton to discuss bill (still last year rate), contract and Arrowsic contamination rate.

Anti – Contamination kit

- 1st step is to determine town's contamination level - need from information from Roger's and Casella before we move on

Big Green Box Battery Packaging

- Next meeting could we get a tutorial from John Hinds? We could write up instructions for the committee so that others can do the chore.

Website update and discussion

- Reduce education piece this year.
- Paul Kalkstein would like information from one contact
- Considering a blog. Concern using PDF is copyright laws. Paul Schlein has reached out to Portland Press Herald and New York Times but has not heard back yet.
- Still need to gather information on what we can and can't do. Need to collect information that we want to include in the blog. Do we have enough information?
- Keep this on the agenda, let's continue to discuss. Perhaps invite Paul to a meeting.

Coastal and Waterway Community Recycling Grant Program - Katie (Deadline Sept. 21)

Committee decided not to pursue for several reasons –

- ARSWC focus this year is reduction
- Recycling is so volatile right now
- Arrowsic does a good job, perhaps other towns are more in need of educating their residents

Reduce Campaign:

- Article in *Arrow* with link to google docs to encourage residents to add ideas on how you reduce and reuse. Don't stop recycling but the ultimate is to reduce!
- Video series – (to be included in blog) – Intro to ARSWC, Composting, Shed, Reduce.
 - Need to make the website more active!
- Website
- Fall Festival- Oct. 14 1-3 P.M. – tentative
 - Perhaps making something from recycled materials –
 - ex: coasters from corks
 - Have more recycling brochures available

Recycling Brochure

- Committee needs to review again
- Change focus to reduce
- Need to be sure the latest file is on the website – Paul Schlein

Shed Update

- Signage looks great
- Disappointing that we don't have a swap shop.
- John Hinds is going to call scrap collector

Visit to Jim Coombs- Roz

- Visit has not been planned but will in the next month. Other members may want to go
- It would be interesting to compare recycling rates.

Other items?

EcoMaine – open house

Link sent to committee - <https://www.ecomaine.org/blog/open-house-2018/>

Next meeting –October 15th

Respectfully submitted

Ros Arienti