

ARSWC
February 20, 2020
Meeting Minutes

In attendance : Katie Smith, Bill Nickerson, Jon Biehler, John Hinds.

Start time - 5:30

December Minutes- Approved

DEP update -Repair Cafe info being presented at MRRRA Conference this spring
Grants are available. **Katie** will forward the information about GRANTS to the committee.

Repair Cafe -

Update regarding proposal - Space, items to repair and who will repair are the big questions at this time. There is a person in Bath who would like to start something.

Directory of repair services would be a good next step. Computer, shoe repair, chainsaw, small engine, clocks, alterations. **All committee members** will gather names, addresses, numbers, website of places that could be on that list.

Discussed Morse's December Upcycle/Repair Clothing event. Katie has suggested to the Green Club that they offer this again in the spring to a wider group of community members.

Chipper for next year's Christmas trees- is there a concern? We didn't see or hear of any trees on the curb.

Ecomaine

Misleading messaging from ecomaine regarding plastic bag recycling was discussed.

Review facts from email

Next steps - Committee agrees that having ecomaine present to our committee would be an appropriate next step. **Katie** will contact Lissa to set up a date.

Maine's 200th Anniversary Potluck Saturday March 14 5-7:30

2 waste stations. Jon- 1 trash can, Katie - 2 compost buckets and recycling can, Bill will bring 1 trash can and 1 recycling bin.

2 volunteers to set up and stay to monitor waste stations until 6:00-Katie and _____

2 volunteers to monitor waste stations from 6:00-7:30 and clean up-Jon and _____

2 volunteers to dispose of compost, trash and recycling. John will see if there is room in the forestry shed for recycling and trash until next pick up. John will take compost the next day.

Shed:

Door- Properties Committee offered to meet if we would like. We feel that the door is secure at present.

Trash was left behind the shed. Bill took care of it.

Resident Calls: Nothing new.

MARRA membership renewal due this month- **Katie** will ask Sheila if an invoice has been received.

UMaine grant for recycling agricultural plastic-**Katie** will have this posted on the website and write a small blurb for the Arrow.

MARRA Compost bin sale- We are not going to participate this year.

Arrow article due Monday, February 24. Topics? Greenhouse plastic recycling. Later issue topic: small appliances and longevity/disposal. Directory of repair services.

Budget/ Annual Report- Due April 1. Will wait to hear from Erica about our costs for next year's contract.

Meeting adjourned - 6:35

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Smith