

ARSWC

November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Katie Smith, Ros Arienti, John Hinds, Paul Schlein, Roz McLean, Nadine de Vries

Start: 5:35 End 6:58

Introductions - Rick Beveridge. Did not attend, not interested in joining the committee.

Approve September and October minutes (please find both in the shared folder)

- September – approved
- October -amended and approved. Move to shared folder

Dumping incident: At Stone Tree Road 10-22-21- what are the possible solutions?

- Labels from materials dumped from West Bath or out of state
- Katie Smith contacted one of the people. Next trash pickup, there was another pile.
- Sheriff was contacted – they said they would drive by to see if there is anything suspicious
- Take a picture of the pile if it occurs again.
- Ask select board to ask the association
- Review ordinance to see if we have a penalty for littering
- Put signs up with information about fees [Title 17, §2264-A: Penalties \(maine.gov\)](#)

Update on Shed Expansion Project

- Not much update
- Katie and Nadine met with the Select board, who were very supportive. We will give them update when we get estimates
- According to Mike K. The town office wants to reclaim the circuit on the side of the little barn.
- ARSWC needs to communicate with the Properties Committee that we are aware of this and we need electricity. This should be part of the building plans.

Grant proposal

- Proposal is in purchases and we still don't know when it will be out. Paul doesn't expect that we will have very much time to submit, so the more we get done beforehand the better.
- Reminder to contractors that we would like an estimate by December 10th
- Challenge will be the 25% in kind contribution from the town.
- Form is in the shared folder.
- Include information from the town report of all materials that the town recycles.

Proposal to change to year-round trash and recycling pick up every two weeks.

- Saving \$3660 in transportation cost of once a week pick up. (19.5%)
- Reduced emissions in town. Reduced impact on roads.
- Eliminate the problem of putting recyclables out non-recycling weeks.

Need to have this confirmed before we get budget proposal from Rogers

Set up calendar January to May

Sign updates for the shed. What do we need?

- Lisa Johnson offered to do some volunteer work for us. Perhaps she would be interested in making signs.
- Katie will check with DEP about signs

Repair Cafe idea- check this out from Paul: <https://repaircafe.org/en/join/start-your-own/>

- Virtual repair café?
- Can we join with neighboring towns?

Shed Report

This week removed from the shed: 1 led bulb, all collected alkaline and rechargeables, three glass coffee carafes, many of the prescription bottles and assorted caps, 1 CPAP machine. The led bulb is a special collection at Bath landfill, the CPAP machine and the batteries processed. Prescription bottles and caps being held in the hope that the recycling will restart, 2 carafes taken to Goodwill where they accepted them. Coffee maker that's in the shed will be tested with the remaining carafe.

Resident calls

Text asking for Rogers' contact information for bulky item pick up

Bulky Items

Well-coordinated effort - materials from the little barn were picked up.

Shared folder for 2022

- Set up duplicate folders - Ros

Recycling

We are paying \$20/ton for recycling!! Trash is up to \$94

Put out in weekly updates -

Next meeting: December 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

Ros Arienti