

ASWRC November 21, 2016

Attendance: Paul Schlein, Karen Robbins, Ros Arienti, Roz McLean, John Hinds, Bill Nickerson

October minutes and followups:

Minutes approved.

John will be meeting with an Ewaste representative at the end of November. He will come to the shed and talk about collecting our electronic waste from the shed when Ewaste picks up at Georgetown. How much is being thrown away, and how much is being recycled? In addition, we would like to learn more about the electronic waste disposal at Bath Landfill.

*Paul plans to contact the Rotary to discuss the e-waste collection that they offer, to learn more about the company that runs the collection day and other information.

Zero Waste Presentation Discussion:

Special guest Karen Robbins attended a zero waste conference in Bar Harbor on November 5. Four towns on Mt. Desert Island have formed a collaborative called A Climate to Thrive. They have a Zero Waste Committee to inventory waste, identify which waste has value and change the waste stream. Eco-Cycle Solutions (out of Boulder, Colorado) was contacted. They will help stake holders implement how to succeed with a zero waste model. Could our material impact on Earth be looked at as a closed loop.

Eco-Cycle offers coaching services which may be helpful, or a Zero Waste seminar in the spring instead of Hazardous Waste. Phippsburg and Georgetown are generally interested in decreasing waste, and may be interested in joining in.

Rename ASWRC:

Can we rename to capture our responsibility to teach re-use, repair. Towns do tool sharing.

Can we keep plastic packaging off the island? Do we need a restated mission along with changing our name to reflect more of our hopes for the future.

Saco has a commitment to zero waste by 2020. They may have a mission that we could learn from.

*re-write ordinance(purpose and name only)

*rename committee

*set priorities/inventory/first steps

*Footprint calculation for your household will determine how much carbon each household produces. Let's put this in the Arrow at some point with an article explaining zero waste.

Quick recap of e-waste discussion:

We are currently waiting to see what comes into the shed, and plan to store overflow under the town hall. It may be necessary to get rid of all free ewaste at Pinetree. If we get overloaded we can discuss whether to get rid of it or wait until the Rotary's free collection.

Craig Rogers reports styrofoam problem continues:

Styrofoam can cancel out the whole load of recycling at Casella. Also NO PLASTIC BAGS allowed in curbside pick-up.

*John is going to look into plastic bag recycling as well.

*Arrow bulletin about NO STYROFOAM and NO PLASTIC BAGS.

Spring HHW Workshop

Do we need a brochure or a rack card to hand out at the workshop? Paul is still looking into who could come and be our expert.

Committee attendance at related workshops:

Can we attend any more of these workshops?

Solid Waste Ordinance

This will be reconsidered at a future meeting.

*Paul will send the 2000 ordinance to committee.

Updates on previously tabled items:

Website- Paul Kalkstein would like to make some changes for us that are in keeping with other changes being made.

Revised recycling brochure- Who would be willing to do revisions?

Spreadsheets-these will help our data collection for a goal of zero waste.

Other:

Could we pick one or two items to work on during the meeting? In December, let's have a working meeting.

*Discuss moving the can/bottle drive to the fire station. What would we be making room for and how would we organize the space?

Next Meeting: December 19, 6:00 at the Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.