

ASWRC Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday October 19, 2015

Attendance: John Hinds, Paul Schlein, Roz McLean, Katie Smith

Approval of September minutes: Yes

Composting brochure update:

Ros will present the brochure at our November meeting.

Use of Town Hall storage closet for scrap metal:

This outdoor closet looks suitable for our needs of temporary storage of scrap metal and large items from The Recycling Shed. Paul will ask Select Board whether this is available space.

Should the town clean out the storage closet? There is composite wood and a watering can that could be donated to the Re-Store or sold on Craigslist.

*Paul will discuss this with the Select Board.

Shed signs update:

Katie will create new signs for the battery boxes. Alkaline batteries, electronics and cell phones in one and rechargeable batteries and cordless tools in the other.

November Arrow articles:

Katie will submit the kitty litter article to Paul.

*Paul will also submit a notice that the 2016 Recycling/Trash schedule will be ready in December and to keep an eye on the website. Copies of the schedule will be available in The Recycling Shed at the Town Hall.

The last pick-up in December is on THURSDAY, December 24!

Annual Solid Waste Report:

*Roz will compile the numbers for Arrowsic and send to the State.

Composting workshop:

April would be a good time to offer this workshop. This will tie in with the annual compost bin sale.

Two different speakers may be available to present? The brochure would be a nice offering to have available at this time. Cooperative Extension, D.E.P and Al Heath (worm composting) are three possibilities.

Hazardous Waste Collection and Roadside Clean-up are big events in April/May to keep in mind with the scheduling of the composting workshop.

Next meeting we will decide the specifics of this workshop.

*Katie will contact a friend who may have a recommendation for a presenter.

*Paul will contact Cooperative Extension and D.E.P.

Review of MMA composting survey:

*Paul will resend the report to the committee for our review and discussion.

Town website revisions:

Ros will work with Paul K. to rework the ASWRC page on the website.

Spreadsheet update:

Roz has found the Google Doc spreadsheet that she would like to use to fill in our data. She would also like to keep a paper copy.

Town notice for new paint recycling program:

Sherwin Williams and Rogers Ace Hardware will recycle partly used cans of paint (latex or oil) for free. This will save our town a substantial amount of money that would be spent at our Hazardous Waste Disposal Day.

*Katie will write a notice to the town, distribute to the committee for review, send to Bill Savedoff and Paul Kalkstein after these locations are called for confirmation.

Rotary electronic waste collection:

This event will happen October 24 from 8:00-12:00 at Morse High School.

2016 trash/recycling schedule:

Look for the 2016 schedule in mid-December. There will be hard copies available in The Shed.

*Paul will draft the schedule and circulate to the Committee. Once approved, it will be sent to Craig Rogers for his approval.

Corks:

Natural corks are recyclable through Whole Foods.

Plastic corks are recyclable through our town recycling, but may fall through the sorter at the single stream recycling plant.

For the short term, we will continue to collect and recycle both types of cork at The Shed. We will re-evaluate this situation at a later date.

Fall Festival on Sunday November 15:

Let's create an activity that promotes recycling through a craft or small project. An educational opportunity would be another option.

Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors:

*Paul will research this for next month.

Next meeting: Monday, November 16.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Smith