

ARSWC March 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 20, 2017

Attendance: John Hinds, Bill Nickerson, Craig Rogers (owner R.C. Rogers), Karen McNaughton (representative from Pine Tree Waste/Casella Recycling) , Ros Arienti, Paul Schlein, Katie Smith

One Arrowsic Resident

Introductions and Meeting with RC Rogers and Pine Tree/Casella Waste:

Feedback to Town from Craig and Karen: Solid waste numbers for 2016 show 50% diversion. Total trash 121.37 tons in 2016, 64.99 tons of recycling. Excellent participation rate for recycling; Karen congratulates the town!

Recycling stickers on lid of recycling container would make it easier for Rogers during curbside pick-up. Craig also reminds us, please, no tube style fluorescent bulbs in trash or recycling.

Compact fluorescents and tubes can go to Rogers Hardware in Bath.

Committee discussed items that are and are not recyclable.

Yes: Flower pots, plastic sleds, plastic lawn chairs, play house for kids, paper milk cartons, empty metal and aerosol cans, shredded paper in clear plastic bags. If you can tear it, put it in the recycling!

No: Tetra bricks with aluminum lining, dog food bags, pellet bags, garden hose (can go to Home Depot), soiled tissues, paper towels or toilet paper, window glass, light bulbs, ceramics, pyrex, spiral notebooks (can recycle paper, not any plastic covers or three ring metal parts). [Note: Tetra bricks (aseptic packaging) were determined as recyclable in subsequent discussions with Casella after the meeting.]

Curbside composting is something that Karen says is growing in popularity. Keep an eye on pricing, for a drop-off site for collection may benefit the town eventually. 'Agricycle' could offer bins at West Bath transfer for our town's compost. Karen will look into this further.

North Coast Services in Maine: Billy Andrews. Pick up of CFCs/fluorescent tubes?

Approve/Amend February minutes

No changes reported.

Review/Approve drafts of Annual Committee Report and Budget

\$11,500 request for 2017-18 for recycling, \$27,000 request for trash. We need Rogers' contract before April 1.

*Ros will send draft of town report, including the final budget numbers to Committee.

Review/Approve ordinance draft

Mission: To provide the Town of Arrowsic with convenient and cost effective services that promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting programs which support the town's sustainability efforts.

*Katie to send draft of ordinance to Committee.

Review/Approve drafts of upcoming Town notices

Reviewed the calendar for notices. All set to send.

Preparation/member assignments for upcoming events

Roadside Cleanup April 29: Bill, John, Roz, Katie, Paul, Paul Burgess

HHW Collection Day May 6: Katie, Bill, Paul

Update on battery recycling and Call2Recycle, Inc.

Discuss next meeting.

MRRRA Conference:

Bill Nickerson will attend this conference in April.

The Arrow:

Highlights of our discussion with Craig and Karen.

HHW follow-up:

Can we get the list of registrants ahead of time for the event?

*Paul will ask for clarification from Lee. Could he send us a list by the Wednesday before the event?

Next meeting date:

April 24 Monday, at Roz's house.

Adjourned at 8:37

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Smith