

## **ARSWC Meeting**

May 15, 2017

Attending: Paul Schlein, John Hinds, Bill Nickerson, Katie Smith, Roz McLean

Absent: Ros Arienti

### **Approval of minutes** of April 24 meeting

Need final copies of March 20 and April 24 from Katie to Paul S.

Roz send Paul digital file from March 2

### **Roadside Cleanup** debrief (including changes for next year)

Attending: Paul, Bill, Katie, Ros and Paul Burgess (with truck)

Went well. The committee members cleaned a significant stretch of the road, picked up all bags along 127, and sorted. Karen and Phine picked up along Old Stage Road. 3 boxes of returnables were separated out. Paul called Craig for a special pick up of 3 barrels of recycling (approx. 30% of cleanup) plus a pile of trash (70% of cleanup: 15-20 bags roughly), which he did on Monday.

The Conservation Commission has suggested that we take over the Roadside Collection in the future. They started it before there was a Recycling Committee. The ARSWC currently thinks that this is a busy time of year for our initiatives, and that we would like to continue to collaborate in this effort.

### **HHW collection**

7 participants. 15 units @ \$26 per unit= \$390 plus set up fee.

### **Talking points for Town Meeting** – Paul

Paul will put together a list in the next two weeks and send it out by email. Some thoughts: Introduce new members: Bill, Jon (to be permanent, we hope). Recycling rate for the year: 35% with 121 tons solid waste, 65 tons recycling

### **Updates** on the following:

Explanation of **rate change** for recyclables from Karen McNaughton:

Recycling prices were up and down in 2016. On average, the market for recyclables is down. Currently there is no value to glass, and little value to newspaper or mixed paper. Plastic values are down due to the price of oil. There was no semi-annual review with a drop in price because market indicators were showing a drop.

### **Can CD's and their cases be recycled?**

CDs and their plastic cases are not recyclable through Casella. John found a place, CD Recycling Center of America. Closest center is in NH. CDs and cases are recyclable if separated, and the paper removed. We can collect them and send them out as needed. They also take inkjet cartridges, small electronics, computer cables, extension cords, and Christmas lights. They are asking for donations for their non profit (?) business. We could see

how much we generate and donate as a town if we use them enough to get them on the list of organizations that the town supports. We have a box of CDs on hand that we could try to send and see how it goes. John will contact them.

### **Rechargeable Batteries**

Call2Recycle now charges for them. John says that we collect very few in general. He will check Rogers and Lowe's to see if they will collect for free.

### **Bulky Items Pick Up** schedule changes from last year

Last year the pick-up dates were Aug. 15 and Sept. 12. 2-4 households responded. Others have called Craig directly and have scheduled outside of these dates. Suggestion is to have it once this year, in August. Put on agenda for July meeting to review. Paul will talk to Craig to see when he would like to do it.

### **The ARROW:** Paul

Try to add a reminder about taking all paint to Rogers throughout the year. Paint Care brochures are in the Shed and in Town Hall.

Bill's write-up about the MRRRA conference he attended has gone in.

Add note about trash schedule change for the summer, with graphic.

**Summer trash pick-up schedule change** go should out to the town in an email blast the week of 22nd: Paul

**Fix-It-Cafe** notice -Ros - tabled

**\*Next Meeting:** July 17. \*\*No June meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Roz McLean