

ARSWC December 2017 Meeting Minutes

- Present:
John Hinds, Bill Nickerson, Katie Smith, Jon Biehler, Ros Arienti. Paul Schlein, Roz McLean
- Start time 6:05; End time 7:55

Approve: November Minutes - done

Arrow Articles – approved. Paul will hold for the next publication

2018 Trash and Recycling Schedule-

- Schedule approved by Rogers
- Sending out to town on January 2nd
- Paper copies for shed - Katie

Member Appointments-Paul

- No updates
- Katie will e-mail Barbara Boyce to confirm

Annual Report and Budget

- Annual Report – Ros
- Budget - Roz

Shrinkwrap and Agricultural plastic-

- Jon talked to New Meadows Marina- they are looking for someone to take shrinkwrap
- Once it reaches the ground, it is contaminated
- Just imagine the amount of trash
- Ongoing issue – need more research
 - NY has program, Maine says there is not enough volume

Rejection of Plastic – Article in Washington Post

- 50% of our plastic is being bought by China for recycling. If it is contaminated they will not take it.
- This could have a serious impact on our country.
- Article doesn't address the need to reduce plastic consumption. Perhaps this is good information for us to share with the town.
 - *Education piece for town!*
- Bill to contact George McDonald, DEP Sustainability Director; Victor Horton Maine Resource Recovery. Karen McNaughton from Casella
- Jon will check with NY State to see what they are doing

Non-Conforming Flyer- Left Behind Slip

- Rogers – approved
- Questions on how to attach – clear packing tape? Duct tape?
- Need to run by town select board
- Include a notice in next Arrow or e-mail town notice with left behind slip attached?
 - *Thank you for disposing of materials properly. Your cooperation keeps ARSWC budget and your taxes lower*

Shed Report

- Checked at least once a week
- Need empty paint can with top for scrap metal
- Found the shed in reasonable condition. As is common, a few inappropriately placed CFL's were on the shelf, removed them to take to retailer.
- The shelves of electronics and scrap metal were quite full. Removed the electronics and scrap metal and placed them in the town hall cabinet.

- Removed the 18 rechargeable batteries found and individually bagged them.
- Total weighed about 10 lbs. will take them to the drop off bin at Lowes.
- Upcoming work will be to process and ship the alkaline, the CD cases, the CDs, and the assorted cords and 1 string of Christmas lights.
- The shed is ready for its new 2018 trash/recycling schedules.

Review ARSWC Task List

- Tabled for the next meeting

Discussion of Chair/Vice Chair and Contact Person

- Looking for co-chairs and contact person
- Recycling Committee –e-mail set up
- Contact Person – several people are considering.....

Reflection on trash schedule vote

- Everyone on committee needs to be on board
- Quick survey in the Arrow?

Field trip to Casella – invite select board and town

- Perhaps Vacation week in April

Next meeting: January 22nd

Aim of Recycling to Reduce – disposal is getting harder

Respectfully Submitted,

Ros Arienti