

## ARSWC December 2018 Meeting Minutes

### **Present:**

*Katie Smith, Ros Arienti, Bill Nickerson Paul Schlein, Jon Biehler, John Hinds*

*Start time: 6:02*

*End time 7:21*

**Approve:** *November Minutes– done*

### **Time limit for meetings-**

- Meetings will be adjourned at 7:30. We will table items we don't get a chance to discuss, but will make every effort to complete business prior to 7:30. If a member can not stay to cover duties until 7:30, please ask someone to cover.

### **Erica Bayley, Account Manager from Casella**

- Discussed audit she had done with another town – lots of contamination
- Discussed costs of recycling – trucks, employees etc.
- Rumford Mill by 2019 be able to recycle paper and cardboard and fiber!
- Suggested that towns continue to recycle
- Short term markets. Plastic – lots of buyers but market is saturated. Much cheaper to buy new than to buy recycled
- Three levels of contamination –
  - A few bags of trash in a recycling dumpster
  - Recyclable materials (2" or smaller, tanglers etc.) that have an impact on the machines at Casella
  - Food waste, construction debris
- Need to be clean and dry – careful on rainy days
- Luanne Montpas, Operations Assistant will be mailing our weights in January

### **Contamination discussion**

- Confusion between John Hinds and trash hauler about contents of bags, whether they were trash or recycling.
- Educational opportunity for our town, recyclables should not be put out in trash bags. Insist with Craig – no plastic bags in recycling. If it goes out in plastic bag, it will go into trash which is against town mandate to recycle.
- Long term solution – we need a grant to purchase recycling bins for residents. Paul will research grant for bins.
- Correspondence with Craig, we want people to comply with Casella regulations. He may have a solution. Perhaps we should invite him to our January meeting to let him know that we asked townspeople to keep plastics out and we are going to look into a grant for recycling bins.

### **Town notice and new trash/recycling schedule to go out this week!**

- Copies of schedule in shed and in town hall.
- Will be sent out

- Keep plastic bags out of recycling, keep recycling out of plastic bags
- Recycling needs to be clean and dry

### **Brochure decision**

Katie will look into printing about 50 copies to have available at town hall and for new residents.  
Need to update website.

### **Invoice from Casella - are we being charged new rates yet?**

Katie checked invoices – yes we are being charged according to new ACR formula.

### **Electronics pick-up**

Residents can drop off electronics anytime. Georgetown has pickups often so committee can call and have our electronics picked up with theirs.

### **Resident calls update**

Nothing to report.

### **Shed report**

From December 9: "I cleared the electronics shelf in shed and moved it to the cabinet yesterday. Today I loaded about 400 lbs. of scrap on Sid's truck." - John H.

Town Hall puts recycling in shed, corrugated cardboard needs to be collapsed.

### **Next meeting:**

- Thursday , January 24th.

### **In early 2019:**

- Revisit Mission Statement
- Draft of Annual Report
- Draft of Municipal Report
- Grant opportunity- Swap shed, reusable container give-aways... other ideas?
- Roadside Clean-up involvement