

ARSWC Meeting 8/20/18 Draft

Attending: Paul Schlein, Katie Smith, John Hinds, Jon Biehler, Roz McLean

Absent: Ros Arienti, Bill Nickerson

June Minutes approved

Casella Contract Update- We have revised opt-out clause. Concern that if we pulled out of recycling with them, it might jeopardize their taking our trash. Now both trash and recycling are included separately in the opt-out wording.

Bulky Items August Pick-up: Katie talked with Craig. This year improved over last. Ten people participated. Everyone paid.

Shed Update: John found it clean after Katie and Jon went in and took alkaline batteries.

Paul will add waxed blueberry boxes to the shelf for small items. (* Will it hold button batteries without their falling through?)

Jon will take plastic bags left from bottles and cans bin.

John will take the Arrowsic Recycling stickers to his house, as well as an extra light for the shed, plus many batteries. The lights take 4 batteries at a time. He will also check with the company about ways of packaging button cell batteries (Is it okay to stick them on packing tape?).

Big and small rechargeable batteries get packaged individually and taken to Lowe's.

Lithium batteries get packaged separately and go in with the alkalines.

Plastic corks cannot be recycled, so we won't take them in the shed anymore. Container will be added for natural corks. Need to order Big Green Box (*done 8/21/18).

Roz will make signs for button batteries, natural corks, about plastic corks and one to replace "Place bottles gently in bin."

Website sub committee: Jon and Ros. Could we create a library of articles? Paul K can post anything for three weeks in the "other items" tab on the Town website. (*Is this true for articles?) Is it possible for our articles to be permanently accessible? Paul is waiting to hear back from us about what we want. Articles may have a limited life and then may not be accessible. Maybe save whole articles as pdf files? Ask Paul K. Maybe make bullet headlines in the "other items" section. (*Update from Paul K 8/22/18: Links go bad. Copyright infringement laws prohibit making pdf's of articles. Many newspapers use paywalls to prohibit sharing of articles. Suggested we make a 'live' page blog with link from Town site.)

Possibilities for a library of items and links: monthly education opportunities, suggestions for reducing waste...

In the next town email, put in a reminder about checking the Town Website for updated information. Under New Residents, add link to Casella Zero-Sort recycling brochure (*done 8/22/18).

Coastal Community Recycling Grant: May need more study if we wanted to take advantage and submit a proposal. Katie will send link to the site.

First invoice from Casella's new recycling contract: So far we have not been billed under the new formula. July and beginning August invoices still are at \$28/ton for recycling.

Invite Georgetown's Transfer Station manager, Jim Coombs, to a meeting?

Georgetown called an emergency meeting in July to increase their recycling budget \$6,000 above and beyond previously approved sum. Maybe better to visit him at the transfer station during a working day. Wednesday would probably be less busy for him than the weekend. Roz and John will coordinate a time and let others know when.

WASTECOM Contamination kit: <https://recyclingpartnership.org/contamination-kit-tk/> Paul looked through. Logical and clear. Multiple sections. Includes an assessment of needs. Use this to come up with a plan to help Arrowsic eliminate contamination of recycling? First contact Rogers and Casella and see if they see ways we can avoid contamination. Rogers crews may be sorting some at the curb, John thinks. (*Did someone offer to contact Rogers and Casella about this?)

Suggestions for reducing our dependence on single use bags:

Bee Home for sandwich sized silicon bags- Katie. Are there other sizes available somewhere else? Katie will send link to site where she got them.

Encourage use of glass or other non plastic storage containers.

What other uses can be found for containers (ex. large coffee) that can no longer be recycled? Ruths Recyclables?

Wicked Joe's coffee Brunswick: would they sell in bulk if people brought their own containers?

Tips for townspeople in the Arrow? Next one out in October. Get ideas from Karen Robbins. Paul will make a GoogleDoc for tips, maybe with access for the whole town.

Notice to town about changing back to bi-weekly trash pick-up. Katie will do.

Town Yard Sale- September 8- Education committee is asking for volunteers to sell or haul away. Katie and Jon volunteered to haul things away or recycle them.

Fall Festival Ideas: October. Ros may have ideas of how we can participate. ARSWC could have a table with ideas for reducing waste. Show items we are using in place of

plastic. Make a sheet to give out. Video? Katie might do, or we can do clips of several of us and how we are reducing or re-using.

Other: Plastic pails from the Shed: If unclean, cannot be recycled.
Wags and Whiskers in Bath will take back Earth Bound dog food bags.

Next Meetings: September 17, 2018
October 15, 2018

Meeting adjourned: 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted,
Roz McLean