

ASWRC May Meeting

Date: 5/9/16

Attendance: John Hinds, Ros Arienti, Roz McLean, Katie Smith, Paul Schlein

**March Minutes:**

Approved and posted on website and in book at the town office.

**Composting brochure and schedule:**

Changes to state provided brochure include photos and change in title to 'User's Guide to Composting in Arrowsic', *for more information* contact D.E.P. It was also suggested to reformat 'Keep It Out' section and add meat, fish, dairy to an optional composting list.

The brochure needs to be done by May 20. Please look at the draft carefully and reply with any comments. 300 copies will be needed.

\*Ros will work on it and send a draft out by Wednesday.

**Composting Workshop recap and future presentations:**

31 people attended the workshop, from the towns of Portland, Georgetown, Woolwich and Arrowsic. Ideas for our next workshop include working with the Conservation Commission (pesticide, fertilizer, run-off, erosion) or hazardous waste disposal and education with Clean Harbors.

**HHW and Roadside Cleanup Recaps:**

**HHW:** Next year we would like to have an opportunity to consolidate units, so that people with one or two small items that will cost the town 1 unit for disposal. The total cost for this year's event was \$650.00 plus set-up fee. This year we had 10 residents participate.

**Roadside Cleanup:** This year it is estimated that there was less trash than in years past. Two 30 gallon trash bags of recycling were collected. Some, but not all of those collecting had two separate bags; one for trash and one for recycling. Next year we would like to see this become more clear for all volunteers. Sort/recycle/trash signs at the town office were very clear and made it easy for all volunteers to use. Split shifts for our sorting work is recommended for next year. Timing of event was good, so that Craig Rogers picked up the trash the following Friday.

**Recycling Stickers:**

MRRA price is \$240 for 500 waterproof, yellow stickers. Roz will go ahead and order these.

**Annual Meeting preparation:**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16. The ASWRC comments at Town Meeting will likely overlap what was stated in the Annual Report.

**Arrow article:**

May 20 is the deadline for submission. There is a resident in town who has zero trash coming out of her house. We would consider having this person be interviewed to provide a list of 10 things people could do to decrease their trash.

\*Roz will write an article about HHW, Roadside Clean-Up and the Composting Workshop.

\*Paul will include reminder that the trash and recycling pick-up schedule will be changing for the summer months.

**Webpage revamp:**

Ros will be working on this over the summer. At our next meeting we could discuss content currently and what we would like to add. The composting brochure will be added, and the committee would like to have links added from each brochure to various related websites as well.

**Recycling/Trash schedule change beginning June 1:**

\*Paul will pick up last year's schedule for the summer, make date changes and send it to the select board for e-mail distribution to the town and posting on the town website. It will also appear in The Arrow.

**State report and recycling rate:**

Our recycling rate has gone up to 45.35% for 2015. The state goal is 50%. We would like to do better. Should this information be shared as incentive to encourage residents to do even more? Composting numbers could be updated each year through a simple survey in order to give the town credit.

**Jon's e-mail suggestion:**

Jon wonders if we can figure a per capita how much trash and recycling is generated. September-June and number of residents that time of year, and July/August residents would need to be known. How do we get seasonal resident numbers? Tonnage per month could be provided easily.

**Spreadsheets:**

Monthly numbers are currently logged in the spreadsheets. If we have the last three years worth of monthly disposal of solid waste, recycling weight an automatic comparison from year to year can be created. Paul will help set up the formula for Roz, so that she can just input the numbers.

\*Roz will resend the link for this to the committee.

**Other items:**

Electronics are overwhelming the Shed and need to be taken to the landfill.

\*Roz will look at it and could possibly take it.

Magazine/Book Swap area in the Shed would be nice. Where would we put this? Could we coordinate a magazine/book swap at a town wide event (yard sale in the Fall)?

Tour of Casella? Karen McNaughton said that it would be possible.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, June 13, 6:00 at Roz's house.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Smith