

ASWRC Meeting Minutes

12/19/16

6:00 PM

Present: Paul Schlein, John Hinds, Ros Arienti, Roz McLean, Katie Smith, Bill Nickerson

Bill Nickerson is joining our committee. Welcome, Bill!

November minutes approved and will be submitted to the book, the Select Board, and posted on the town website.

Rogers' recycling issues

Recyclables (plastic flower pots, aseptic packaging) have been seen going into the trash. The driver thought we could only include #2 plastic. Paul spoke to the driver and sent a copy of new guidelines to Craig. Craig verified guidelines and spoke with the driver. Milk cartons were still a question for Craig. Paul hopes to have cleared it up. We will invite Karen McNaughton and Craig to our meeting in February.

Paul: Ask Craig if he would find that helpful and/or if he has any questions about what can be recycled.

If we changed to EcoMaine, with its commitment to recycling and their waste to energy plant, we'd have to find a different hauler- Riverside.

HHW workshop update

April date not set yet. George MacDonald from the DEP said that they're in the midst of a change in personnel and that they don't have anyone now who might come. We might contact Clean Harbors, the company that takes the area's hazardous waste. If we can't find an outside presenter, we'll have to develop our own program.

Paul will contact Gretchen MacLeod, his neighbor who used to work for Clean Harbors, to see if she has any thoughts.

Use next meeting to discuss further.

Discussion on changing ASWRC name and mission

Needs a whole meeting devoted to it.

“Materials Management” is the new title at the State level for recycling. We could change to Arrowsic Resource Recovery Committee, or Arrowsic Waste Reduction Committee, Arrowsic Sustainable Materials Committee. Are we committing to Zero Waste? A mission statement should precede our name change. We might run our ideas by Victor Horton at Maine Resource Recovery Association to see what he recommends.

Other Business

Scrap metal and bicycle in the Shed: pretty beat up bike. John was going to take it to Bath Cycle and Ski to see if there's value in fixing it up. Rest of scrap will be held under Town Hall.

Take audio book and music CD's to the I Heart Books bin near Sears. Blank CDs and tapes are not acceptable there.

E-Waste

John talked to Dean at the E-Waste Maine company in Lewiston. He arranged a tagalong with Georgetown a few years ago. We used to be able to take what we had to Georgetown's shed. They have a combined E-Waste and Universal Waste shed. Georgetown suggested that we have Dean stop on his way out and pick ours up. He comes through every 8 weeks for Georgetown's E-Waste. They collect for free. Dean might be interested if we had more volume. If we did, we could have a pallet with a box on top for that purpose. We might be able to store it in the Forestry Barn behind Town Hall. John later reports that the fire department plans to use the whole space going forward.

E-Waste Maine's list: TVs, monitors, digital picture frames, desktop printers, laptops, game consoles, remote controls, DVD players, stereo systems, two-way radios, pagers... There are more items that we could list in an Arrow for drop-off in the shed. They don't take appliances that have electronics in them, unless you would be willing to extract the electronic parts. Jim Coombs in Georgetown does that for their waste.

Repair cafes

Maybe have a one-day event at Town Hall when people could bring items to be repaired and townspeople with skills could repair and teach. Grow this into a cooperative effort with other towns. Broken items that people don't want anymore could then be donated. The receivers would sign a release for liability purposes.

Arrowsic Town Website update

Ros will look at the content of our page on the website and make recommendations to the committee.

Updated Recycling brochure

Have it ready to be included with the Annual Report. Last week of May.

Next meeting: January 23. Roz's house.

Clickers for voting: Ros has access to a base, if the Town would be willing to purchase hand held clickers.

Meeting adjourned 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Roz McLean