

## ASWRC January Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 11, 2016

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

November minutes: Approved by all members.

**November followups:** None.

**Composting brochure update:** The brochure could be completed for the Town Annual Meeting in late May. We will hold off on further drafts for the time being.

**Composting workshop update:** Ros feels that the workshop should happen prior to creating the brochure. April may be a good time to host the workshop rather than May, so that people can order their composting bins at the workshop and meet the May 2 deadline for ordering. We would like to invite Georgetown and our friends and neighbors!

\*Paul will be contacting the State to firm up these plans.

\*Blurb in the Arrow: A notice to keep an eye out for Composting Workshop in April.

**Shed update:** Broken glass is becoming an issue in the collection bin for the bottle drive to benefit the Arrowsic Fire Department. A sign that suggests placing glass gently may help to prevent unnecessary breakage. Broken glass can not be recycled, as far as we know.

\*Paul will call Craig and ask about recycling broken glass and how the recycling truck manages glass.

\*Katie will make a sign 'Place Glass Gently'

\*John will speak with Dale Carlton, who collects the deposit bottles for the fire department, prior to the committee making any changes to this part of the shed.

We need to order more 'Arrowsic Recycles' yellow stickers. Where were they purchased?

\*Roz will look in to how to order stickers.

We need to have 2016 pick-up schedules available in the shed.

\*Paul will make copies for the shed.

**Maine Townsman article:** Paul suspects this Arrowsic composting article will be in the January issue of the Maine Townsman.

**Recycling non-compliance:** John observes frequent issues when looking around the town on trash/recycling day. There are Post-Its that could be used to educate people regarding suggestions for what to do differently. We will revisit this topic at a later date.

\*Paul will ask Casella if there is a sticker that would serve this purpose.

\*Roz is interested in looking into this issue further, and would volunteer to drive around to observe residents' habits regarding recycling.

**Where to store ASWRC archives:**

\*Next meeting we will look at this bin of archives, and decide what must be saved and items that could be recycled.

**Arrow article due January 22:**

\*Paul will do update on items not included in the brochure, such as freon appliances, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, etc. (some of which we don't have answers for yet).

\*Katie has done the writeup on the new paint recycling program.

\*Keep an eye out for Composting Workshop sometime in April.

\*Broken glass update from John. It is a hazard, generates trash and is lost money for the fire department's bottle drive.

\*Katie will collect written pieces by this Friday, compile and redistribute for review by the committee by next Monday. Please approve or make suggestions to these by Monday.

**Medication disposal:** Ros presented an FDA bulletin suggesting disposing of non-prescription drugs by putting them with coffee grounds in a ziploc bag.

\*Paul will send the link.

**Committee visit to Casella:** Could we make a video and post it on the website?

Jon Biehler would like a video of the Composting Workshop? We would like to post it, too, on the website. Committee should ask for a volunteer to film.

**Next meeting date: Monday, February 8, 2016 6:00 at Roz's house.**