ASWRC Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 17, 2015

Attendance: Ros Arienti, Jon Biehler, Paul Schlein, Katie Smith, Roz McLean

Meeting convened: 6:05 pm

July meeting minutes:

Approved, copied and put in book. For August meeting and beyond, Katie will send notes directly to the committee for approval or changes. Please note that "action items" will be denoted in these minutes with an asterisk.

Reports on followup items:

Propane canisters (small green 1.02 lb.) can be taken to the Bath Landfill for \$2. Kitty litter research continues, and an article will be written in the Arrow for tips and hints on greener kitty litter practices. Costs for disposing of T.V.'s: West Bath \$4, \$10 at Landfill. Goodwill will take working flat-screens but no tube style televisions.

Bulky Items Pickup update:

No one has signed up as of this date. There are three days left before the first pick-up. Paul suggested to the selectmen to send an email reminder out this week.

Recycling Shed update:

Arrowsic will continue to use the boxes in the shed and mail them to recycle. The wood stopper works to keep the door open. Paul suggests that the latch may need to be replaced.

- *Someone will mark the battery boxes more clearly.
- *Roz will inquire with her relative about collecting scrap metal from the shed.
- *Katie will recycle unwanted boxes and bags from the shed.

Composting Bin Purchase update:

The town select board suggested distributing the flyer to purchase composting bins to our googlegroup instead of the town email list. Paul has done so, and has 5 orders at this time. Woolwich may be interested in offering this deal to its' residents and Jon has made a contact there. This would likely increase our order to 10 for special discounted pricing. The Arrowsic fire station or Town Office would be possible delivery/pick-up point for the bins.

*Paul will ask Lee if Bath is interested in ordering in the event that we cannot get 10 orders by August 28th.

Review of DEP Composting brochure for use as template:

We have permission from DEP to use their brochure for our composting initiative. The idea, if we think it has the content we want, would be to customize it for Arrowsic, add town name, etc., and make any changes we think are needed.

*Ros will look at the brochure and make some changes and send it out prior to the next meeting. The committee discussed some hazards to be aware of when beginning a compost pile.

Arrow articles update:

The following articles have been submitted: one article about survey, an ad for a new committee member and a free pesticide removal ad.

*Paul will submit the change in garbage pick up immediately for the September 7th issue.

Discussion on using storage space under Town Hall for overflow of recycling materials: This will be discussed in September, when John is present.

Discussion of spreadsheet development:

Roz receives a paper copy of the breakdown of recycling items with the invoice each month from Casella. Roz would like to rough out a spreadsheet based on the ledger sheet through Google Docs starting this fiscal year.

Need for new member(s): We would welcome one more member.

Different meeting time? No decision was made with regards to this.

Next meeting date: Monday, September 21 6:00.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20

Respectfully submitted, Katie Smith