

Arrowsic Solid Waste/Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes—November 17, 2014

Committee members present: Ros Arienti, John Hinds (briefly over the phone), Roz McLean, Paul Schlein, Damian Sokol

- The meeting convened at 6:10 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

2015 Recycling/Trash Schedule

- In a brief telephone conversation, John said to be sure to add discussion of the 2015 recycling/trash schedule to the agenda. This was discussed and *Paul said he would draft a new schedule, distribute it to the Committee with the meeting minutes, and then send it to Craig Rogers for his review and approval. The goal would be to post it on the Town website and notify the Town by mid-December.

New Recycling Brochure

- Ros said she would make the changes needed from the checking that Damian had done on outside vendors, suppliers, etc., and then send a final draft to the Committee for proofing and review. Once this has been done, the next step will be to have Craig Rogers review it and then the Selectmen.
- Once complete, the brochure will be posted on the Town website, with an e-mail and link to the brochure sent out to the official Town list. A blowup of the front of the brochure will also be printed, laminated, and posted on the recycling shed. *Damian said he would take care of this.
- To allow sufficient time for any feedback, questions, revisions, etc., from the Town, the brochure will not be printed until just before Town Meeting in June, when it can then be included as an insert in the Annual Town Report that is distributed to every household at no cost. *This needs to be verified with the Selectmen. Copies would also be made available at the Town Hall and recycling shed.
- How many to print, where to print it, the budget for printing, etc., are yet to be determined.

Recycling/Composting Survey

- Following review, it was agreed that the recycling survey prepared at the last meeting was complete and ready to be posted on Survey Monkey. *Paul said he would research posting the survey online. He also wondered whether the Selectmen should see the survey beforehand.
- While, at the last meeting, it was thought that the survey shouldn't be sent out to the town until the new brochure had been circulated, this was discussed again in the context that it wasn't a test for the town, where advance preparation was needed, but just a way to gauge awareness of the subject matter.
- The Town survey that was done in 1994, that included 10 questions relating to recycling, was reviewed, and
Ros thought it might be useful to include those results with the results of the new survey.

Article for the Next Arrowsic Arrow

- *An article would be written announcing the new brochure.

Spring Roadside Cleanup

- Ros suggested that there should be a workday to prepare for the spring Roadside Cleanup. February was identified as a good time for this to happen.

Free Metal, Appliance Pickup

- Paul said he noticed a sign and phone number in one of the the local bottle redemption centers for someone in the area that does a free collection of metals of all sorts—appliances, computers, wiring, propane tanks, grills, copper, brass, lead, batteries, etc. He said he had briefly discussed this with John and that it might be something worth pursuing, since the town often has to transport some these items, such as microwave ovens, to suitable sites, and pay for their disposal. One concern was that we might not want to have any pickups right at the recycling shed, but somewhere else, so as not to give the impression that the

shed was open to public access, i.e., non-residents. *Paul said he would discuss this in more detail with John.

Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting, Monday, December 15, 6:00 PM.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

*Denotes action items

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