

ASWRC Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 21, 2015

Attendance: Paul Schlein, Katie Smith, John Hinds

Meeting convened: 6:05 pm

August minutes approved? Yes

Update on composting brochure

*Ros will update at our next meeting.

We would hope to have the brochure ready for Town Meeting in the spring.

Shed update

John was able to recycle a box of batteries.

Clearer signs for batteries or different boxes?

We want to be sure it is clear which type of battery goes in which box, and the boxes are hard to read.

*Katie will look at signage and make notes for any suggestions at our next meeting.

Composting bin recap

19 bins were sold, and have already been picked up!

Composting workshop:

We would like to offer this workshop in town, sometime in the winter or early spring. Research will need to be done to find a speaker or speakers who can come to town to do the presentation. Cooperative Extension and Skillins were mentioned as two possible places to check.

Town Hall storage space for scrap metals?

The Committee mentioned shed storage briefly. Committee will consider at October meeting whether to ask selectboard about occasional use, for shed overflow, of the exterior bin under side door to Town Hall.

MMA composting survey:

The survey has been compiled, and is suggested reading for committee members. Members are asked to review this prior to the next meeting. It has been emailed to the committee.

Bulky Item pickup recap

At the first pickup there were no participants. The second pickup generated 20 participants. Craig let us know that we need to add MATTRESSES to our list next year; he took 4.

Spreadsheet development

*Roz will update at our next meeting.

Did everyone get the recycling brochure in the Annual Report?

Could we send another copy with our composting brochure to all residents? It will likely need to be revised and resent prior to Annual Meeting anyway.

Styrofoam at Mail It 4-U?

No one in the state recycles styrofoam. Mail it 4-U reuses styrofoam in packing, and is happy to take it.

*Paul will make a notice to the town alerting folks to this news. In addition, the notice will include that plastic bags must go to the supermarket to be recycled.

Al Heath e-mail regarding Pay Per Bag

Al Heath sent a note to the committee strongly recommending switching to a Pay Per Bag or Pay As You Throw (PAYT) program, citing Woolwich's recent vote. The committee had recently discussed PAYT, as can be referenced in the ASWRC January minutes. Mr. Heath was made aware of these minutes and had been invited to attend a committee meeting to further discuss the subject. After a brief review, it was pointed out that Woolwich has a 19% recycling rate, and could greatly benefit from PAYT, but, at 39%, Arrowsic would not likely increase its rate any further with this type of program. The consensus was that no change should be made to the town's approach at this time.

Recycling page on website

Ros will discuss this with Paul Kalkstein. We can print out current pages and edit as needed. All Paul would need are pages composed in Microsoft Word and he will post them.

Scrap Metal

Craig Rogers has offered to take scrap metal and charge by weight.

Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors:

How do we dispose of these items? Who else can we check in with about this? First Alert and Kidd may have suggestions.

*Paul will do research.

Meeting adjourned 7:00

Next meeting: October 19, Monday.