

Arrowsic Solid Waste/Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes—March 24, 2015

Committee members present: Ros Arienti, John Hinds, Roz McClean, Paul Schlein

- The meeting convened at 5:56 PM at the Recycling Shed and then moved to the Town Hall.

Meeting Minutes

- The February meeting minutes had already been circulated and approved though e-mail.

New Recycling Shed Poster

- It was agreed that the poster-size version of the new recycling brochure looked good, but needed to be moved to a more visible spot. *John said he would move the sign to the side wall and mount it on the studs.
- Ros suggested putting an even larger version of the poster on the back wall of the Town Hall.
*This would have to be run by the Selectmen first.

ASWRC Report and Budget for the Annual Report

- Ros had drafted the committee report and Roz calculated the budget request for the Annual Report. The committee reviewed each, edited, revised, and made adjustments, as needed. Paul said Craig Rogers hadn't gotten back to him yet with the estimates for the upcoming transportation contract renewal, that would be coming up in the next fiscal year. *He said he would check again with Craig and get the figures to Roz as soon as he has them, so that she could finalize the budget. Everything was due to the Selectmen by April 1.

New Recycling Brochure

- *Paul said he would double-check with the Selectmen to be sure they were ok with printing the new recycling brochure and distributing it with the Annual Report before Town Meeting.
- It was decided to print 250 copies, to cover enough for all the households, plus a few extra to distribute at the Town Hall.

Roadside Cleanup

- At the February meeting with Phine Ewing, sending out the joint ACC/ASWRC notice to the town on April 19 was discussed. However, in order to announce the April 14 workshop to train volunteers in how to do the sorting, the notice will need to go out on April 6. A second, or reminder, notice about the cleanup could then be sent on April 19. *Paul will draft the message to be sent out and run it by ASWRC and ACC members for approval.
- [*post-meeting discussion*] As also discussed with Phine, the ASWRC would make a poster(s) for volunteers to see at the start of the cleanup, showing recyclable and non-recyclable items.
*This will be done at the April 14 workshop.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- *John said he would get the signs ready for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection and paint in new dates.
- *Paul would leave copies in the recycling shed for John of the two HHW flyers, to attach to the signs when they are put out. *Paul would also e-mail the files of the flyers to Linda for printing and distribution at the Town Hall.
- *With a May 2 deadline for preregistration, it was decided that the flyer(s) would be posted on the town website and e-mailed to the town by April 13.

Composting Bins

- *The consensus was to post the flyer detailing all the composting products available through Bath on the town website and send out an official e-mail to the town immediately. *Paul would communicate with Paul Kalkstein and Bill to take care of this.

Recycling/Composting Survey

- With the second notice about the survey, the responses went from 71 to 104. As full as the agenda was for that meeting, it was decided to defer discussion of the survey results until there was more time and a complete report of the results was available.
- Paul said he asked Paul Burgess if he could update the spreadsheet he had produced and *he would also compile the results in text format as he had done earlier.

Stolen Recycling Shed Light

- The committee agreed that the half serious/humorous blurb that Paul wrote for *The Arrow*, requesting that whoever stole the light from the recycling shed return it, would be submitted.

Article for May Arrow

- As *May Arrow* deadline was not until May 4, this topic was also deferred to the next meeting in April.

Recycling/Trash Tipping Fees and Contract [pre- and post-meeting discussions]

- Casella's tipping fee for recycling has increased from \$5 to \$25 per ton. To offset this increase, Casella has offered to take Arrowsic's trash for \$70 per ton, \$25 per ton less than the Bath landfill. They also recommend a three-year contract, but that is not a requirement. If switching to Casella will not negatively affect Arrowsic's relationship with Bath in any way, both the Committee and Selectmen are in favor of going with Casella for trash as well as recycling.
- The Selectmen will be sending a letter to Bath to see if they will consider lowering their tipping fee. *Paul will draft a letter and send it to the Selectmen.
- ecomaine in Portland charges about \$55 per ton for trash and somewhere around \$25 per ton for recycling, but the cost of transportation would significantly increase. Even if the final cost, including increased transportation, was below the current Bath tipping fee, Craig Rogers, the town's trash hauler, still doesn't see this as practical, since in order to be able to weigh the trash and recycling, he'd have to make two trips to Portland with half-filled trucks. Rogers said he could give us an estimate of what the increased cost would be and he'd be willing to test it out at some point. The Selectmen are suggesting we keep this in mind as an option for then future.

Meeting Schedule

- Next Meeting: Due to conflicts, the April meeting date was moved from the 20th to the 28rd.
*Paul would e-mail Bill Savedoff to update the online town calendar, and check with Linda for possible conflicts.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

*Denotes action items

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