

# **Arrowsic Solid Waste/Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes—April 28, 2015**

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

- The meeting convened at 6:00 PM at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

## ***Meeting Minutes***

- The March meeting minutes had already been circulated and approved through e-mail.
- Action items marked in the February and March minutes were reviewed and all had been taken care of.

## ***Scrap Metal Hauler***

- John reported that he had contacted a couple in Phippsburg who came and collected all the accumulated scrap metal. While the town doesn't receive any money for this, it saves a lot of time and effort required to haul it away ourselves.

## ***Roadside Cleanup Recap***

- It was agreed by all that the new effort to recycle as much of the roadside cleanup collection as possible was a success—on more than one level. First, based on rough calculations, about 35% of the total collection was kept out of the waste stream—19% returnables, 16% recyclables. In the past, that 16% would have ended up as trash in the landfill. Second, it was the opinion of the Committee that the nature and significance of the event were enhanced and broadened, from a more aesthetic to an environmental level. And the sense was that the extra effort being put in to sort out the recyclable materials from what had been collected was likely appreciated by everyone who participated. It was also noted that at least four of the volunteers who did the roadside collection came back and helped sort the recyclables as well. An excellent effort overall.

## ***Articles for the May Arrow***

- The short piece on the theft of the recycling shed light had already been submitted, as well as a recycling/trash pickup schedule and a call for more ASWRC volunteers.
- \*Paul would also submit a photo of the Roadside Cleanup with a caption, and a short blurb mentioning that a copy of the new recycling brochure would be distributed with the Annual Report before Town Meeting in June.

## ***Household Hazardous Waste Collection***

- \*John had preregistered for the HHW and would take anyone else's materials over as well.
- The Committee was waiting for notification from Bath as to who was participating and what they had for the collection. It was important to review this beforehand to identify any potential problems, such as materials that might be very costly to dispose of and would need to be handled differently, and to see if multiple similar items, such as partially filled cans of paint, could be consolidated, since the town would be charged by volume, not weight.
- \*Roz would be there for the duration of the collection to represent Arrowsic and help out.

## ***Update on Communications with Casella***

- The recycling educational support that Karen McNaughton of Pine Tree/Casella had offered was briefly discussed. One suggestion, that of having a recycling table at Town Meeting, was considered, but the consensus was that this event did not allow sufficient time to get into useful discussions with people.
- \*Paul will ask Karen to send samples of educational materials that Casella produces.
- \*Everyone had received the draft contract that Casella had sent and would review it for discussion at the next meeting.
- \*Since this would be a three-year contract, once the Committee and Selectmen have gone over it, the Town lawyer would be asked to review it.

***Recycling/Composting Survey***

- It was decided that a separate meeting to evaluate the results of the survey would be better than trying to work discussion into a regular meeting. \*Paul and Ros would meet at some point in the near future to begin discussion on this.

***Preparation for Town Meeting***

- There was a brief discussion of what the Committee wanted to convey to townspeople at Town Meeting in June. Suggestions included the new brochure, survey results, the new contract with Casella and the new tipping fees, and why the budget has increased from last year. This subject would be on the June agenda for discussion in more detail.

***New Recycling Brochure***

- Following a few changes that needed to be made (\*Paul will do this and send out a final proof for review), the brochure would be printed and distributed with Annual Report. \*Paul would double-check with the Selectmen to be sure there was no problem with this.
- \*Paul will check with the Selectmen on how many copies will be needed, get printing quotes from local printers, and get them printed and ready for distribution.

***Bulky Item Pickup Schedule***

- The plan is to have one pickup before Labor Day and one afterward.
- The notice(s) to the town should go out sometime in August.

***New Members***

- Two new people have expressed interest in joining the Committee. \*Paul will send them e-mails, to thank them for their interest and invite them to the next meeting.

***Meeting Schedule***

- Next Meeting: Due to vacations, there will be no May meeting, and the next meeting will be on Monday, June 1. \*Paul would e-mail Bill Savedoff to update the online town calendar, and check with Linda for possible conflicts.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

*\*Denotes action items*

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