

ARSWC
January 19, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Present: Nadine de Vries, Ros Arienti, John Hinds, Katie Smith, Wiebke Theodore

Start: 5:31 **End:** 6:50

Approve November and December Minutes:

[November 2022 Minutes.docx - Google Docs](#) – approved

[December 2022 minutes.docx - Google Docs](#) – approved with minor corrections

Future Emphasis

- Do we move to more of an emphasis on “Don’t Use, Reuse” rather than recycling?
- Other ideas for new directions?
- If so, what steps do we take to encourage that?

Committee tour of Casella’s tour

Nadine will try to arrange a meeting/tour that works for most of us.

Changes to the Ordinance

[arswc-ordinance_final-draft_3-31-17.docx - Google Docs](#)

Needs to be voted on at Town Meeting – would be due by April

Subcommittee to review ordinance – Nadine, Roz and Katie

- List of most urgent issues committee needs to address
- What is the purpose of the ordinance?
- Enforcement?

New Recycling Shed Plan - *Wiebke & John*

- No progress or meeting
- Next step is walking site with Malcom – site analysis
- The concern is the setback – so a trailer (that is movable) would conform
- Funding - Need design developed enough to create a budget
- Community support - Town meeting – poster session to inform residents
- Timeline
- Earth Day – April 22nd 2023 (town hall) Workshop Round 2 – to get input from residents
 - Share precedence
 - Look at option where it could be located
 - Rough sketches of swap shop on wheels
- Ingredients – flatbed, solar power, etc.

Fabric Recycling

- [apparelimpact.com](#) at Petco in Topsham and town office in Woolwich
 - Tip of the month

Repair Cafe

- January 21st from 10 A.M. till 12:30 P.M., Curtis Memorial Library
- March 18th from 10 A.M. till 12:30 P.M., Patten Free Library

Composting Survey - Ros

- Roz to write up intro
- Send out as separate town e-mail

SHED update - John

- Removed batteries to for processing 5 devices for demolition and some wires for storage
- Prescription bottle recycling program has been discontinued. They need to be put in trash or reused safely.

Contact Person Questions

- ***Can spray paint cans go in recycling?*** Spray paint contains hazardous materials and empty containers from hazardous materials must go in the trash. Non hazardous sprays like room deodorizer, cooking spray, shaving cream can be recycled
- ***Residents are leaving inappropriate items out for pick up -***
 - truck rotors of steel which was taken to scrap metal pile
 - vacuum cleaner which John took to his garage for demolition
 - a plastic bag lined open milk crate completely full of soggy dog poo and a particle board cabinet in pieces. I left those for Craig to address

New Residents

- Denise is working on a packet for new residents again
 - ARSWC wants to add sticker, contact information, schedule etc.

Tip of the Month

- apparelimpact.com at Petco in Topsham and town office in Woolwich
- If you are renting your house, please share with your returns renters what to do with your waste

Contact from Jon Biehler regarding nips

- Found along Rte. 127
- Nadine to discuss with select board
- Committee can supply data -do count at roadside clean-up
- There is a 5 cent bottle fees on these now

New Committee Member

- No updates
- Check with select board

Other items:

Next meeting: February 16, 2023

Submitted by
Ros Arienti