

ARSWC
June 19, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Nadine deVries, Don Sheldon, Jon Biehler, Frank Daly, Karen Dowell
Absent: Roz McLean, Ros Arienti

Time: June 19, 2025 5:30 PM ET
Start Time: 5:37 PM ET
End Time: 6:33 PM ET

Approve May Minutes

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Casella 2025-2026 Annual Budget Proposal

- A Food Cyclor(r) device for drying and grinding food waste is mentioned in Casella's bid document. Nadine will ask for more info.
- Members present voted unanimously to accept bid proposal
- The committee discussed whether we should be actively soliciting competitive bids. Next year, we will request a competitive bid from EcoMaine.

Recycling Shed Update

- Jon reported the shed is in good shape with no issues

Swap Barn

- Nadine shared a request from DeeDee Jorgensen that we remove the "messy" outdoor swap area. The meeting attendees agreed that it is an eyesore and that 24/7 access with no control over the items being left there is a problem. Attendees also commented that the large spools of excess internet also contribute to the messy appearance of the outdoor area beside and behind the Swap Barn. Many ideas for cleaning it up, replacing it or removing it altogether were discussed. The committee agreed to:
 - Survey Town residents to gauge the value of the service - Karen
 - Move tools and hardware into the Swap Barn and dispose of larger items and the current structure - To be scheduled
 - If the survey shows enough value for the service, explore options for a shed building that would be both attractive and locked when Swap Barn is not open
- Schedule - OK until our next meeting

TV/Refrigerant Event

- Scheduled for July 12th, 11-1 Town Hall Parking Lot - Jon and Frank to attend
- TV disposal fee - \$20
- Refrigerant Appliance disposal fee tbd
- Contact Ozone Savers to confirm attendance and disposal fee - Nadine

- Send notice to the Town residents - Nadine

Tip of the Month

- Explanation of plans for outdoor swap area and conduct survey to get stats on how many people use it and if they find it a valuable addition to community swap options
- Chickadee license plate disposal – dispose at town hall or keep for home/garage decor; disposal in scrap metal bin not secure enough

ARSWC Contacts: Resident Questions/Issues

- What to do with a TV – direct to upcoming TV/monitor disposal event on July 12
- Small trash bin taken by haulers – suggest they better mark small bins in future
- Tip of the Month “Preaching to the Choir” (all other feedback since we started has been positive) – agree, but explain that not every town resident is a member of the choir

Other items:

- Date of next meeting moved up a week due to scheduling conflicts for most committee members
- Nadine will inform Irene Burgess and absent committee members

Next meeting: July 10th, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Nadine de Vries