

## **ARSWC Meeting Minutes 9/16/19 Draft**

Attending: Jon Biehler, John Hinds, Paul Schlein, Bill Nickerson, Katie Smith, Roz McLean

### **August Minutes approved**

**Monthly meeting day/time change** to the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM. Katie to ask Sheila to change that on the Town calendar.

**Recycling/trash pick-up observations:** Two weeks ago: pick-up truck came to Katie's recycling and others on the road. Litter strewn behind. Job seemed hard for one person. Katie called Craig, left message. Recycling truck broken. Now trash is going into a pick-up that leaks gas, and recycling is going into the hydraulic truck (which leaks hydraulic fluid), so the recycling doesn't blow around. Repair will be expensive. Craig uses the truck for trash as well. Possible contamination of recycling as a result. Will Craig's business survive? Should we be looking into other companies?

We will do some research and create a spreadsheet of different companies, how they pick up, their various plans for pick up and processing, and costs. Are there charges for contamination? Ecomaine, Fiberight (Boothbay, Wiscasset send trash and recycling there. Need to find out how they get their trash etc. to Fiberight), Waste Management (hauler), Riverside (hauler). Casella might pick up recycling and trash. Need to check on this. Paul has done some research already on Fiberight, and Jon on EcoMaine. Bill will pick up research on Fiberight. Woolwich has a contract with EcoMaine. Katie will research transportation companies.

**Trash Schedule change:** other ways to get word out for next summer: signs posted at STOP below DQ. Pick this up next meeting. Ros was interested.

### **Zero Waste Update**

Flyer Distribution. Paul did one online. Make some paper ones at Town Hall for Bath Natural Market, schools, Library, Rocky's, Bracketts. Bill will check Shaw's. Jon will check with Woolwich to ask that it be put on their electronic sign. Pick these up on Wednesday once copied. Reminder Notice email September 25th to Arrowsic, Harpswell, Woolwich, Bath, Westport Island, Phippsburg. Paul sent first notice and will send to other towns' conservation commissions as well. Katie will ask Sheila to send out notice to Arrowsic.

Sandwich Sign boards: one at bridge, one at Town Hall. Katie will ask Camille about yard sale signs. What kind, how made.

Notice to papers? Paul sent to Press Herald and Times Record (now owned by Press Herald)

No refreshments.

Set-up, Clean up: Jon and Katie set up 5:15. Bill and John clean up after.

Timing of meeting: 6PM. Location: Fire Station. Length will depend on where the conversation goes, approximately 1 1/2 hours. We can direct conversation through our Q & A. Jon will ask if they are bringing their own viewing equipment for power point if there is one. Regionalization may be the best way we can make an impact. Is there an economic boost to regionalizing?

**Sheepscot General**, Alna: Farm collaborative worth visiting, with store, meeting space, and restaurant.

**Open House EcoMaine** 8-12, Saturday, September 28. 62 Blueberry Rd. Portland

**NRCM petition** was sent on to the Selectmen for review and possible support. Purpose of the petition: "NRCM is supporting [Recycling Reform for Maine](#). In January 2020, the Maine Legislature will consider a new product stewardship law that could make our recycling programs more effective, more sustainable, and more equitable by obliging producers of packaging materials to share in the responsible management of the waste they create."

**Resident calls:** none

**Shed** is busy. Lots of new batteries. There are fluorescent tubes that need to be taken to Rocky's. Take as private citizen without mentioning Town.

**Other items:** Take wooden furniture to Casella in West Bath rather than the Bath Landfill. Bath puts these in with general waste.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, October 17, 5:30.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Roz McLean