

ARSWC August 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present:

Katie Smith, Ros Arienti, Bill Nickerson, Jon Biehler John Hinds, Paul Schlein, Roz McLean

Start time: 6:00

End time: 7:20

Approve: *June Minutes– change of minutes. Correction: Mary McDonald who made comment on recycling costs is not a citizen but the town treasurer. Then minutes were approved.*

Check-in about the upcoming year and positions on committee

Is it possible to change the meeting to the third Thursday at 5:00? Committee members all set with current positions.

Bulky Items Update-Katie

Craig said we had more people participate than last year. Estimated that we had about 20 households. Craig attributes that to increases in customer purchases and an increase in construction, which means demolition and construction debris disposal needed.

Non-compliance plan of action

If Craig is not consistently using the left behind slips, can the committee send an educational letter to the household involved? Jon has a draft of this letter. A reminder in the Arrow to let residents know what to do with hard to recycle items was suggested. A notice to the town e-mail list also.

Schedule “change back” notice – needs to go out soon. August 30th is the last weekly pick up date

Put some reminders

- *Scrap metal goes in the shed*
- *Link to produce bags. You can also use clementine or onion bags!*
- *Arrowsic reduce campaign spreadsheet*
- *Notice about Zero Waste Presentation*

4Ocean – John Hinds

Interesting video!!

Resolve to Support Municipal Recycling Programs and NRCM's petition and municipality sign-on letter- Jon/Paul

Legislation is in the works

*Proposed Bill: Putting responsibility back on the manufacturer to take packaging back or make them sustainable. Another option is for the manufacturers to pay reimbursements to towns. How to get residents to sign petition? **Paul** will put together something for the town google group.*

*Need to discuss with the select board to discuss support of the municipal sign- on letter. **Katie** will send an e-mail to the select board.*

Recycling costs so far this year – Roz

Recycling costs are variable (\$97.40 – \$106.90)/ton

Solid waste costs - \$83.50/ton

Katie will contact Erica at Casella for an update

Ecomaine is looking for towns to join, after they were 'closed' for a while. The biggest concern about using them is transportation. Riverside is hauling for Woolwich and Thomaston. Another concern is that ecomaine charges a penalty for contamination.

Zero Waste Presentation

Date: September 30, Monday

Time: 6:00 pm

Invitations to whom:

- *Alison and Eloise have already been notified.*
- *Bath, Woolwich, Georgetown (Mary McDonald may be able to help us with contact)*
- *Four town conservation consortium – (Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Westport Island and Harpswell)*
- *Morse High School Green Club*
- *Posters around town*

Fire Hall: Is reserved.

Other: Jon will contact Elena Bertucci to ask for advertising tips. Let her know we are interested in educating about Zero Waste, an introduction to Zero Waste. Paul will put together a poster/flyer. Reminder to be sent out on September 15th

Do we need any audio visual equipment for presentation?

Avery Smith will video tape the presentation

Shed Report

July 30th Northcoast took away about 50 lbs. electronics, (7 larger items and 8 small remote sized ones.)

Committee took 3 CFL's to Rocky's and sent out a 45 lbs. Big Green Box. Cleared the scrap shelf and electronics shelf and stored the items in the cabinet.

We still get significant glass breakage in the returnable cabinet.

Northcoast Services-Wes- New Ewaste company

John Hinds is our contact person. They may send us a bill, if some of the electronics fall into a certain category. Hopefully they will send us a notice about their pick up.

Resident calls/emails

Aerosol cans – can be recycled curbside

Small green propane tanks – Jon is going to check with Bath Landfill.

Calls about trash not being picked up

Other items

As of today, Target, Hannaford, and Bracketts are still taking plastic bags.

Next meeting:

Monday, September 16 6:00

Respectfully submitted by Ros Arienti