

October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Ros Arienti, John Hinds, Bill Nickerson, Katie Smith, Paul Schlein, Jon Biehler
Time began: 5:30

Approve September Minutes-Done

Open House at ecomaine- Lots of educational booths, clean facility with clear commitment to sustainability and waste reduction.

Zero Waste presentation recap

Continue:

Attended by people from all towns. Invite people from conservation consortium as well as neighboring towns again.

Very knowledgeable presenters.

40 or so people attended.

Start: sign in sheet/name tags

The presentation was a general idea of zero waste, not a systematic approach like eco-cycle has initiated.

Zero waste and Arrowsic. What will our next steps be?

Tool lending library- this could work. Where? Neighbors have bought a chipper/splitter as a group which has worked well.

Fix it Cafe-town is not liable. Look at PowerPoint for tips again.

Communicating with companies that put out hard to recycle items, to get them recycled more easily, would be a good step. Craftsman flashlight that can not be reused. Boosters for car battery are hard to deal with also. Appliances can be hard to get the motor out of. Create list and approach hardware stores.

Waste audit?

Clothing swap would be fun!

Which zero waste things could be made formal/ required by committee. We could piggy-back on potluck for the 200 year anniversary of the state of Maine event in March at the Town Office.

Can we talk with people in Mt. Desert about their program? **Paul** will ask Karen if she knows anyone.

Sheepscot General Store could be another contact. **Jon** will look into this for next time.

Committee votes to invite a rep from DEP to come to our meeting to help us get started. January or February. **Katie** will contact.

Arrow article submission ideas

(due October 28 to Tom Spear: tspear@wisc.edu)

Zero Waste Start-Up Kit- Ros will send this to Tom Spear. Reference presentation and add link, please?

Plastic bag recycling law:

This info has to do with how to dispose of plastic films etc. The list should be compared with our town list. Plastic bag law changes and pertinent information will be ***discussed next month.***

Shed update:

“Bill took the 2 fluorescent tubes I mentioned at last meeting to Rocky's. I cleared the electronics shelf and scrap metal shelf and placed these items in the cabinet. I removed a large box of CD's from the shed and will work on testing them to see which should perhaps go to Bull Moose and which should be recycled. I took 28 rechargeable batteries to the Lowes drop off bin. They weighed about 30 lbs. A box of alkalines weighing about 46 lbs. was left in the shed. It was pretty nasty with corroded and damaged batteries. I had to throw away 6 damaged batteries which would not have been accepted by Big Green Box. They may complain about what I sent them as it is. I sent them a 43 lb. box. - John”

Shelves have been cleared again since then and Roz sent empty green boxes, which came today. Packing slips from May and today are at Roz's house.

Resident Calls:

None for Jon. Resident called Katie, who did not have their trash picked up on Friday, three weeks ago. Katie called Craig to take trash which he did at that moment.

Researching other services and haulers:

We are considering a change, in hopes of moving our focus to a more significant waste reduction model. Bill and Jon are researching Fiberrite and ecomaine, and Katie is researching hauling facilities that would haul to these locations.

Craig Rogers- Apparently has a new truck. We will watch out for this next Friday, to see what is going on. Need to be direct with him. Would he haul to ecomaine if we were to go with them? ***Katie*** will ask him.

Fiberrite (Coastal Resources of Maine)- Bill spoke with Shelby Wright. Fair market right now. Transportation cost on us. Could group with other towns. Plastics 1&2 slight uptick, 3-7 problematic. Some glass goes to landfill. Market value \$75-80 per ton. Boothbay, Edgecomb, Boothbay Harbor, Damariscotta currently using Fiberrite. The majority of these products don't end up in the landfill or incinerator.

Hauler/ Facility Spreadsheet- on our own.

Adjourned 7:15

Next Meeting Thursday, November 21, 5:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Smith