

## Recycling Committee Meeting

Feb. 21, 2023

Attending: Rick, Gary, Molly, Gretchen, Lee and Jon on video

Rick announced Call to order, and that this will be recorded on video.

Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

The monthly newsletter: Is one component of the committee's charge around community education. The current distribution methods are not widely seen and the content would probably benefit from updates. Key element of the committee's work and so team agreed it should be the primary focus of our next meeting.

Climate Action Committee (CAC) is focusing on 6 different issues. Now, lower emissions, zero energy in building, ban fossil fuels, work with us (Recycling Committee) on compost, entering schools, find ways to reduce storm damage, solar power.

Swap Shop Liaison: Jon brought draft SS guidelines that were created in conjunction with volunteer leaders there. Vote to adopt taken. Unanimous approval for the adoption of the SS Guidelines! The Swap Shop was given a framed tent, but it's not up yet. Rick to follow up with Aimee Eckman, who had agreed to coordinate a solution for this.

Board of Health Liaison: Rick reported that BoH seeking a meeting with Haulers and Town DPW to discuss updated rewriting the Transfer Station regulations.

Composting at Transfer Station: Gretchen previewed a power point presentation short- and medium-term options for composting, with a view to presenting this to Town and DPW leads. Feedback and edits were suggested. Rick to ask for time on Jacqui and John Roughley's calendar to pitch the proposal.

Home Composting Workgroup: Rick and Gretchen reported on progress in creating content and determining promotional channels. Work with Climate Action Committee and possibly high school Green Club will be critical.

Rick and Gary spoke about their meeting with Kari Parcels. One suggestion was to enlist John Roughley's participation with the committee. Rick to invite him and solicit his preferred type of participation.

Gary mentioned the emails from Linda Sassi about the Conflict of Interest. It's again something we, as members of a town committee, must do.

Gary has a petition to ban plastic utensils and the black plastic "clamshell" food containers. 6-8 MA towns are also submitting this, from "Sustainable Practices". Gary

asked if he could submit it as a member of the Recycling Committee and we all agreed by voice vote. There was discussion of Select Board sponsorship too. Gary and Rick to discuss appropriate next steps with Aimee Eckman

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Meeting adjourned at 6:30