

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023

Full attendance, Rick Leary, Gary Senecal, Gretchen Stiers, Molly Chapman, Jon Howard, Lee Bartell, 5pm in the Eastham Library

Minutes from the Feb. 2023 meeting approved.

Reminder that the town mandates the Conflict of Interest Training for all who serve on committees.

Rick and Gretchen met with John Roughley (DPW), Kim St Aubin (Water Clerk), and Jaqui Beebe (Town Administrator) to review a composting proposal for the Town of Eastham to be set-up at the Transfer Station. Jaqui and John agreed with the proposal and the town will begin on-site composting at the transfer center with Black Earth as the vendor in the near future. Gretchen will update the committee when the Town has a start date.

Education - our mandate. There're channels, through video, telephone, printed pieces, social media, face to face, to name a bunch. Speaking to elementary kids, Jr. High students, HS students, for some, and Jon will get in touch with elementary school to learn more. It was said that little kids will bug their parents about recycling, or reducing, or refusing, or whatever we discuss with them. Starting with using both sides of paper.

Getting back to our Education mandate, we need to have a meeting at the Library on what is about to happen on composting at the Transfer Station.

Then, another meeting on Reduce/Reuse, which seems to be a perfect new campaign that we discussed., would make a lot of sense at a Library presentation. Lee will create a Transfer Station sign on REDUCE/REUSE for the next one.

Gretchen will look into how the Committee can expand its webpage presence and post videos on YouTube

Lee will check with WOMR in P-town about an interview or two, and will get our meeting included in the Indie meeting's town by town list.

Gretchen proposed 3 main messages for the year. Spring, summer, fall, 3-4 mo. campaigns, possibly working with the Green Club at the High School, and with the Climate Change Committee.

Molly wondered about the Parks and Recreation programs for kids, and can we work with them?

CAC (Climate Action Committee) has 6 goals with a volunteer with each, and help from other too. They've worked with the Green Club, and have panels of Q&A.

Thursday, 18 May, we're co-sponsoring with the Composting sub-committee, a composting meeting at the Library.

Board of Health Jane (water/septic/etc.) is retiring. Susan Barker is the new Health Dept. Head

Bailey, the super-duper senior and chair of the Nauset Green Club, is frustrated to no longer be able to compost in the cafeteria. This is due to the construction at the school. It was suggested that she and her Green Club go to the elementary school, and teach the children to compost. Then they'll teach their parents, and then we'll get the Indie to write an article about this.

HS teaches ES who teach their parents!

Gary's warrant: He's going to present it in a presentation on April 3rd, and it's now #9A at town meeting. It's all about Reduce and Reuse.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20PM