

**Eastham Recycling Committee's Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 25, 2023, Eastham Library, 5pm**

In attendance: Rick Leary (Chair), Gary Senecal, Gretchen Stiers, Molly Chapman, Jon Howard, Alicia Couture, Andy Shearer, Lee Bartell, Aiimee Eckman

Last months' minutes were approved.

Andrew Shearer and Alicia Couture would like to serve on the committee. They would fulfill the two non-voting positions since the five voting positions are filled. Ellen Greer (Search Committee Liaison) and Aimee Eckman (Town Select Board member) will interview them both - per the Town's rules.

Composting at the Transfer Station will begin as soon as the new sign is ready. The actual start date is still TBD.

The Recycling Committee will help coordinate publicity and education about the town's new composting effort. Committee members plan to coordinate additional education with Channel 18, who could do interviews and create videos for further educational purposes.

The Chair, Rick Leary, discussed his efforts to reach out to the Eastham Elementary School about starting a composting program there, and about trying to get students from the Nauset Regional High School to help with this project. The contact at the Elementary School is Maggie Brown.

Gary discussed the Climate Action Committees (CAC)'s focus for 2023 is on Reducing Our Carbon Footprint.

Rick reported on the most recent Bd. of Health Meeting. He also stated that he would step down as Chair the next day since he will be in Nepal with the Peace Corps for the next two years.

Lee nominated Gretchen Stiers as our new committee chair.

Gary's warrant article on banning plastic food utensils and food packaging is #9 for the list at the Town Annual Meeting on May 6th, 10am. Aimee said that it would be best to postpone this article for a year, so that more work could be done on meeting with citizens, business leaders, restaurants, schools, etc.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5pm, at the Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.