



MEETING MINUTES

11/07/2018

In attendance: Eric, Gabe, Anna, Pat, Hillary

Good Will: Good Will will take the goods from the swap shop that are not pure garbage. The problem is that we can start some volunteer transport, ask for the Town to pay the ferry ticket, but that would be just one more volunteer task that would dry up. We need to know how much the trash deposits are actually costing the Town. Eric will ask the crew to track the trailer clean outs, and then we can come back to the problem.

Single Stream Education: We had planned to visit local businesses and organizations to train them on how to prepare their recyclables for EcoMaine. Gabe has some notes on who would be reachable on this and will circulate it prior to our next meeting; we can go as singles or teams to the places we are most comfortable, and we don't need to wait till the next meeting to start. The education in the school will wait until we know about the grant.

Composting is underway.

On plastic bags and the grocery store: Kim is rumored to be thinking of getting rid of them. Our committee can support her in these efforts, if wanted. Pat will approach her to ask for a meeting to see how we may encourage and support. Avoiding that ordinance is desirable.

The Town is considering hiring an engineering firm to guide us through the many engineering projects that are ongoing or up and coming. In preparation for that, the committee should prepare for the firm a clear document that explains what is problematic, what is ideal, and what is the vision for the transfer station.

In anticipation that layout changes will be coming to the transfer station, and that we also have to solve the burning problem, Eric suggested that we put in the budget jersey blocks that would define the burn pile, with a sign that says "clean wood and brush". We are continuing to burn the wrong things that makes the ash poisonous and disposal expensive.

Recycling grade: After our first trash delivery that was top notch, we have not received any more ratings. It would be good to know that Andy is reporting this to Kenny, and that we are reporting it to the town (via Gabe and Wind).

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Gabe will see if Andy will let her manage the Town's Facebook and Instagram's accounts so we can make better use of them.

is coming on the 245 and will go directly to the transfer station, hopefully meeting with Kenny (no contact made yet) and Luther to get organized. As many of us as are able will go in the evening, but it will depend on whether they are able to go to a potluck (possibly company policy dictates). Gabe will invite them, and we will organize car pooling for Saturday and Sunday based on how

1. *Event day – EcoMaine does the whole thing. We will participate (sans Anna 😞) to the extent that is reasonable, and not expect that we will all be there all day.*

Report from Eric:

1. *Andy is working with Scott Johnson to take the baity cardboard; he would provide the trailer, we would pay for the ticket. There was some discussion about whether or not the Coop and Bean should pay for the ticket, with Andy's point being that nobody pays to leave recyclables and they should not be treated differently. There was no consensus of opinion on the committee and the discussion was tabled for now.*
2. *Eric started talking about layout. Andy says that an engineer will be hired at the appropriate time to do the layout. He (Andy) is recommending to the Selectmen that we have an engineer on retainer because there are so many major projects under development.*
3. *We are making progress getting the ash shipped off. Andy is talking to Tiny about screening the ash pile. It would help to reduce the weight of the ash (and cost) by getting the big, heavy, non-ash items that are in it, such as rocks and metal parts out of it and processed differently.*

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1. *Compost – keep running ad, still growing the group. 2 new households. Need a sign on the compost*

Swap Shop:

Amy is starting to see the possibilities in the current office/shop/recycling building now that the recycling is coming out. A possible way to move into is to use the current space as the drop off location, and move items of merit into the building as they are sorted and classified. We have to have a fully thought out program, including who will manage it, before talking about this as a proposal.

Class Calendar:

There is a space on the last page of the class calendar that has never been used, but it would be a good reference for households who want to check on something to have handy. Amy reported that it would be \$100 to advertise there. We will go ahead with it (meaning Gabe will make our how to poster fit in the space), and then figure out how to pay for it.

Future: We are at a bit of a turning point, with two big parts of our work underway, although not finished. Going forward:

1. *Gabe – to head up outreach on single stream.*
2. *Anna – to continue recruiting for composting and overseeing its production*
3. *Pat – to continue to work on transfer station revenue – producing some information from the data collection and improving the software*
4. *Amy – On to swap shop and deposit bottles! Lots of room in the main office now....*
5. *Eric – Waste to Energy research as the solid waste contract is expiring this fall.*

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