



Meeting Minutes 11/28 /2018

In Attendance:

Anna Poe, Gabe McPhail, Pat Lundholm (left at 6:15), Eric Davis, Amy Lear

Hillary Bunker absent

1. **School Recycling Grant— (Sent in via email by Hillary)** Katrina acknowledged receipt of a form we had to send in to accept the conditions of the grant. Hoping to see funds shortly. Some teachers are readying to get this ball rolling. As soon as we receive grant funds Hillary will start ordering bins! Composting was supposed to start in the kitchen but not sure if it has yet.
2. **Plastic Bags— Pat** is meeting with Kim on Tuesday, 12/4 at noon. Spoke with Kim in Carvers. It was a positive conversation, but she is concerned about backlash and people shopping elsewhere. She seemed in favor of an ordinance. Do we move toward an ordinance? Or do we take a slow approach through Wind messages and low slow rollout to eliminate them. What about an ordinance or movement to use only compostable or disposables? Pat will ask Kim about where she would purchase compostable disposables. We need to do more price comparisons.
3. **Composting— Anna** How do we make our compost bigger or expand to a full-municipal operation. Look into DEP grants. Maybe we go with anaerobic? Anna is going to look into what the best system for us might be. We don't have a lot of manure so that's going to be an issue. What else can we compost? Could PW help with transporting manure and turning windrows? In order to make things sustainable we need to integrate certain aspects of the operation into town systems. Eric will talk with Bruce and Andy about using Kenny's backhoe and a town truck to get manure to the TS. Anna may ask more people/businesses if they would like to participate. We will continue to run the Compost ad in the Wind for now.
4. **Swap Shop and Cardboard— Eric** has tabled the bait cardboard for now. Cardboard may be best left to large-scale composting?? It's all contaminated with bait so it CAN'T be recycled by ANYONE. Possible part of grant application. Spoke with Kenny about tracking Swap Shop disposal. He said he would try. We had a conversation about accountability and how there really isn't any. WW still feels like this is a HUGE problem. We need systems that are enforceable. We spoke about scales again. Spoke about clothing recycling again.
5. **SS & Bins—Gabe** hasn't set up any SS outreach yet. Maybe for the first of the year start meeting with folks? Gabe asked Andy about taking on FB and Instagram. That has not been decided yet. BINS: EcoMaine offers 22 gal SS Recycling Totes at \$7.50. We could purchase if we can secure funds. Sell the existing totes? Use money to buy new ones? Or take pre-paid orders and get them monthly? We will discuss this at the beginning of the year.
6. **Swap Shop— Amy** working on her business plan for swap shop and bottles again
7. **Ordinance—** We are ready to rework it starting the first of the year! Should we also be working on recommendations to move toward ZERO WASTE?

Next Meeting: Anna will email the team to organize a meeting that will tentatively take place on 1/9/19.