



## MEETING MINUTES

01/09/2019

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

**Hillary:** The recycling program at school is off to a great start, with good participation and few complaints from anyone, including janitorial staff. Hillary is fielding many follow up questions about what goes and what doesn't.

She is working with Katrina to get her out to the island to run age appropriate training programs with the children, and that, too, is strongly embraced by the faculty.

**Eric:** Eric stopped in the grocery store and chatted with Carver's employees about the end of plastic bags. The check out clerks are enthusiastic, and report only one or two people complaining about the lack of plastic. Eric also collected 3 totes of manure from Jessica Martin and took that up to the dump.

**Anna:** Mark King came out to work with Anna on the composting. It was clear to him that we need more manure. Depositors, if they are physically able, should put a layer of manure on the food scraps that they leave.

Mark also told Anna about a grant program of up to \$7500 to help communities get started or expand their operation. Working on the next step is a bit of a project and some committee members will need to join Anna on this project.

Jordon Radley is going to start the third bin with waste from Carvers. He has access to manure from Britt Radley. This will be a dedicated bin from the grocery store, and Anna will ask Jordan to keep good track of how much (weight) is going in there that would have gone into the trash. She thought if he weighed a week's worth of totes, he could average that and get a fairly accurate weight/tote.

**Amy:** Amy is working with Peter Richards, board president at Eldercare, on recovering deposit bottles that go to the dump. Bill Alcorn is in charge of bottles for Eldercare, and will pursue this project through Amy with Kenny and Luther to get a convenient but out of the way depository.

**Pat:** We had planned to visit local businesses and organizations to train them on how to prepare their recyclables for EcoMaine. Pat will take on the Medical Center; Gabe has some notes on who else would be reachable on this.

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Also, Andy is working on providing an internet connection to the Transfer Station. The current method of bringing the laptop into the office when the station is closed is primitive – fine for a startup of data collection, but it's almost a year since its inception. Tanya is proficient in Quick Books; Ken, Pat, Andy, Tanya should be meeting Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> to talk about whether Quick Books would be too cumbersome for the transfer station to use. Currently, the weekly figures do not tie out and the crew is making no visible effort to correct it.

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