

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

Updates from Members:

1. Hillary on the School's recycling: Since Katrina's visit and training, there is a general trend down on the cost of trash disposal (implying that recycling is up), and the quality is greatly improved. Cost of trash disposal now ranges between \$10-\$14/day, and before it was \$14-\$20/day. The largest problem is with milk cartons from the cafeteria. The project needs someone on oversight for this, as the kids throw partially full cartons in the trash. When rinsed they stay wet, and also have the sour milk odor. Hillary has a contact at a highly successful school to get ideas on motivation and quality improvement.
2. Hillary on school budget: Hillary was advocating for the budget to include a line on trash. It would serve as a marker, something to see improvement in. The budget committee initially refused to consider the idea, but Hillary thinks they might just have thought it was too hard to get – and she will work with Tonya to get last year's figures.
3. Amy on bottle recycling at transfer station: Kenny has agreed to put one container where the old recycling storage was. The Eldercare team of Bill Alcorn, Jim Grumbach and Peter Richards will get this going, probably when Peter is back on the island. Amy confirmed that the Transfer Station personnel agree that the recycling has improved, but that the milk containers, which come wet, are not.
4. Amy on swap shop: Kenny and Luther are reorganizing the big building to do repair work, so the swap shop move to that building is not likely to be pursued in the near future. If, however, the compost area moves, that space could be improved and the shop moved there. Kenny would certainly agree to that move, as its current location ties up traffic and limits easy access to the recycling area.
5. Gabe on recycling: The reports continue to be good – we have had a huge increase for three months with little contamination.
6. Anna on Compost: She and Gabe have prepared a draft for Phase 2 – a pilot project that would expand the scope of our current project. They will be applying for a grant to cover costs, for which the Town would have to match with \$2000. The project will require about one acre of land. We probably have enough manure on island to meet the needs of this project. The main task of the committee (besides applying for the grant) is to find the location, and the closer it is to the Transfer Station the better. **To Do: Eric** to explore the idea with the Rod and Gun club, the rest of us to think on this problem. See Compost Pilot Phase 2 Proposal (Draft) for complete information.
7. Gabe on her projects: She is selling the totes, has delivered 11 and has orders for 15. She will be talking to the short term rental agencies to see how they will be educating their renters and caretakers/cleaning personnel. She is going to update the Town website, getting it more up to date. And she is talking to the Island Institute about applying for the Sustainability Award offered by the Portland Press Herald (thinking that other islands, such as Matinicus, are also making good effort).
8. Pat: Has done a brief training with Public Works and Fire Department. Just like the school it needs follow up. She met with Damon Kendall who is working on getting the apartment dwellers to participate. He did not want to have a "tea" as earlier proposed, but was going to see if we could make a presentation at community lunch box. This meeting was a couple of weeks ago and Pat has not followed up.