

# MEETING MINUTES



04/10/19 In attendance: Eric, Gabe, Anna, Pat,

**Pat:** Pat visited the transfer station in Rockport to look at their software and saw their use of point of sale Quick Books. It was no more difficult to use than what Kenny is using now. Tanya and Town are trying an online version of quick books (not the point of sale) that sounds like the right way to go in the next phase of tracking (point of sale may not work with a server that is six miles distant). A meeting with Kenny, Tanya, Andy, and Pat at the station, with demo, was convincing enough for Kenny that he is willing to try it. Tanya is continuing to explore how this will work.

**Gabe:** Hannah Noyes still wants to do the waste audit even though she won't be doing the internship. Gabe is researching how to do the audit. The audit will be in June; we should probably start talking about it in our weekly Wind articles.

Gabe picked up totes from EcoMaine that need to be stickered. The balance in "our" account is over \$1000, but we can't spend it on a new tote order without approval by the Selectmen.

Gabe still plans to reach out to short term rental people about putting recycle totes in houses.

Our most recent report on our recycling mentioned mixed materials. Gabe thinks this is most likely Climacel – it is a mixed material used by food shippers like Green Chef and labeled certified curb side recyclable. It is possibly cellulose between paper. She is waiting to hear back from EcoMaine about what that contamination is and will address it in the Wind when she hears.

Woodard and Curran, an engineering firm, has been retained by the Town to deal with our multiple projects. Brent Bridges is our connection and would like to meet with us to plan ahead for when we are ready to improve the layout at the station. Gabe will invite him to meet with us.

**Anna:** Site meeting –Eric and Anna looked over the site at the Rod and Gun Club and it looked pretty ideal, both for space and soil depth (need 36"). Some piles and trucks would need to be moved. Parking the truck and trailer on other side of road where there is no soil would free it all up. Johnny McCarthy was open to giving permission, with the suggestion that we split their taxes (half would be \$300). It would not affect the shooting range area, and the public would not be allowed to there – drop off and pick up would be at the transfer station. Gabe is working with Andy on the legal arrangements to make it all OK for the Club.

Current compost: Eric and Bruce bought manure to the station. We are considering selling compost by Memorial Day. The original plan was to sell the first two loads, for publicity and promotion. We will need to sift the compost and bag it in grain bags from Erin Creelman. Gabe suggested that we consider bringing Eco Maine for a re-do of training for summer people in May. We also need to do a march over the rocks to keep them free of trees and other taproot items.

Grant: Gabe gave a report to the board about the grant and they were very receptive. (The grant program is evolving: the grant request will be to cover the cost of hiring a person or person to do outreach, data collection, pick up, etc.) There was some unresolved discussion about whether the grant request should have a narrow focus on composting, or a broader focus on education and outreach for all of waste management. Deadline for questions on the grant is this Friday. Grant deadline is April 26<sup>th</sup>. Outline by next week, to Anna, and then to committee, then to Gabe for crafting.

**Eric:** Will approach The Friend about eliminating plastic bags and/or Styrofoam.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 6PM