



Meeting Minutes 5/22/2017

In Attendance: Anna Poe, Chair, Amy Lear, Gabe McPhail, Pat Lundholm, Del Webster

1. Gabe showed pictures of the handsome signs at the North Haven transfer station.
2. Del's idea on glass, first step, is to talk with Joy Mills, and get her enough material to see if it will go easily through her crusher.
3. Del's idea on how to protect/make private the paper trash bin is to build a frame for it with a sloped roof and freezer door front cover that you just push out of the way to put your paper in. To be talked about with Kenny and Luther on Sunday.
4. Weekly articles: The first is going in the Wind tomorrow; Luther has it and will have shown Kenny. 2nd article coming from Gabe on economics. 3rd article will be by Amy as an intro to composting; 4th by Anna may continue the theme.
5. Amy reached Heather White at the school about school/student involvement in advertising or whatever might be needed and she is enthusiastic about working on that in the fall.
6. Anna continues to have good conversations about composting with Mark King, who is very willing to help.
 - a. To do the smaller, cheaper compost method we would need to have a source of a 5-10 yard pile of horse manure and a small shredder.
 - b. We may not be able to compost all the cardboard we have here (but what we really want to compost is the waxed cardboard).
 - c. How clean does it have to be? Major food out, but not scrubbed?
 - d. If we persuaded the big users to switch from Styrofoam cups to paper cups, how easily would the paper cups break down?
 - e. All our weekly questions point to the fact that we don't know what and how much is in our garbage. To get a handle on this, we decided to conduct a survey of the main producers of food waste, including the grocery store and restaurants, including those that already compost, like Salt and the Haven, and those that do not, such as the Gawker. Two committee members will take the survey questions to these businesses. Questions include:
 - i. Do you compost food waste? (Kitchen scraps? Table scraps?)
 - ii. Do you recycle? If so, what items?
 - iii. If not, or if not all items, what prevents you from recycling?
 - iv. Do you know how many bags you take weekly/what your disposal costs are? If not, would you be willing to keep a record for a month or two?
 - v. If obstacles to recycling and/or food separation for composting are removed, would you recycle?
7. Myriad Pro is the font we should use in publications.
8. Sunday, the 28th, 7:30 at the transfer station: **Committee** to tackle the shrubs growing on the landfill. **To Do: Pat** to make sure it's OK for amateurs to go tromping on the rocks. **To Do: All** – bring shears, saws, tarp, gloves, good shoes.