



Meeting Minutes 11/29/2017

In Attendance: Anna Poe, Pat Lundholm, Del Webster

1. **Composting –**

- a. **Anna** had a really good series of meetings at the school with the lunch crew and shop teacher. The lunch crew of Hillary, Keely, and Erica are cautiously optimistic and enthusiastic about participating. They produce ½ to 1 5-gallon buckets of uncooked waste daily, and the janitor complains about its weight. In addition, an article Del found about school food waste makes the economic argument for composting. The shop teacher is willing to participate in building anything that uses wood.
- b. Anna is proposing that we switch from our plan of 20 composters at the transfer station and home composting, to 20 composters at the school and home composting. The Mark King night would then be at the school. Pat and Del were in agreement – need one more for quorum! **To Do: Anna** to follow up with the principal on confirming permission for the school to work on this, as well as allowing community contributions to the pile.
- c. Anna also followed up with Norm Staunton, who had approached the Island Institute with ideas about grant writing in support of resiliency on islands, specifically about funding to get composting established. He seemed to be less interested than his initial letter indicated.

2. **Single Stream Progress – Request for Proposal:** After talking with Andy and getting some clarification on which of the two compactor set ups would be best, Pat got a spec sheet and quote from Jim O'Reagan of Atlantic Recycling for a stationary compactor (like we have now), and 40' containers, for a total of \$29,000+. She immediately went to see Kenny to make sure this was the right idea, and it was not. The layout plan that he proposed, and that everyone on the committee agreed was the best, does not have room for a container and separate compactor. So Pat went back to O'Reagan, and he prepared a quote on the self contained compactor (inside the container – it travels as a single unit) for \$31,000+.

- a. Pros for self contained:
  - i. Fits the spot; it's the layout Kenny is enthusiastic about and sees working well.
  - ii. Cleaner (no waste when the unit separates from the compactor)
- b. Cons for self contained:
  - i. No spare
  - ii. Double trips to haul off island unless it can be coordinated with demo trips
  - iii. 10 HP vs 15 HP for stationary one – does it matter?



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### 3. Thursday Events (post meeting) – all hugely positive!

- a. Darlene sent us multiple Maine town ordinances about plastic bag limitations
- b. Pat went back to see Kenny on Thursday, with both quotes. He is already working on another plan for the stationary compactor and will do some measurements. More conversation to be had about this next Monday.
- c. Thursday morning Betsy Bates asked about composting (former home composters had serious raccoon troubles), volunteered the Lunch Box food scraps

Still on the To Do List:

#### 1) Improving signs at transfer station:

- a) In talking about this, we realized we don't know the status of plastics 1 and 3-7. Before changing, **To Do: Gabe** to check with her source at Midcoast and see if they are still taking it. If so, we should resume at the Transfer Station.
- b) The Reuse section of the brochure makes an excessively generous offer for people to dump up to 5 bags of stuff there. We thought we should/could start working on this review, and ask Amy (who wasn't at the meeting) to head it up. **To Do: Amy?**

#### 2) Nails: Del brought in a tool ordering catalog that had several options – one nail roller for \$65 that you push by hand, and two that are pulled behind a pickup (5' for \$580 and 6' for \$650). This might be good to put in next year's budget, but in the short term we could probably pick up the manual one and concerned individuals could use it themselves. **To Do: Gabe** to talk to Kenny about this.

#### 3) Glass: Del has talked with Joy Mills about this. Joy is going to talk with Bill to see this best way to pulverize. There is some concern about how clean the glass is and whether its run off might be considered a contaminant.

#### 4) Wind: Gabe has started an article on plastics; will take a break with Amy away.

#### 5) Plastic Bag Ordinance remains on our to do list:

- a) Nick Farago is interested in writing some Wind articles on plastic. **To Do: Gabe** to stay in touch and bring his articles to the committee.
- b) **Pat** to find out how any plastic 1 to 7 is used in this country (as opposed to sending to China, which is no longer happening). Trex?

*Future: moving ash, metal, fridges;*

**Next Meeting Monday, 12/4/2017 6 PM Public Safety Building**