



Meeting Minutes 2/12/2018

In Attendance: Amy Lear, Anna Poe, Gabe MacPhail, Pat Lundholm, Eric Davis

1. The meeting opened with a philosophical discussion led by Gabe, who is taking a class on Ecological Economics. She is examining the ordinance under the lens of sustainability, with a move to zero waste. Zero waste has to be defined from a Vinalhaven point of view. Associating the ordinance with the Comprehensive Plan important. Making it dynamic, instead of a static document as we have now, is essential to being successful in the move to zero waste.
2. **Budget** – Eric is helping Kenny with his budget presentation, and is asking Carl to do some research on some of the following:
 - a. Scales – if we adopt the principal that the cost of waste should be directly related to the cost of disposal, scales are essential to that end. (CARL)
 - b. Forks – to be shared with public works (CARL)
 - c. Chipper – the Town has a chipper, but it is probably broken beyond repair (CARL)
 - d. Composting Project (ANNA, see below)
 - e. Single Stream household containers – It would be great to issue containers for families to get them started (GABE through EcoMaine)
 - f. Single Stream Town Trash – Businesses, non profits, individuals might be interested in sponsoring double trash cans around town. Public works would be charged with pick up.
3. **Single Stream Recycling:** Both bids are in and complete (at meeting, waiting for info from Valley, but we actually had it). **To Do: Pat** to get package to selectmen before end of week and get on the agenda; **Eric and Gabe** to go to Selectmen meeting on February 20 to present and request a vote.
 - a. **Winter Trash Talk Series #3** – will be on how to??? Lissa Bitterman???
 - b. Other PR, continuous education critical. Eco Maine has materials (GABE to investigate)
4. **Composting: Anna** has compiled a materials list for the composting project at the Transfer Station, including a motor for \$100, the PVC piping for \$137, and miscellaneous items such as tools, a shed (housing for the motor). It would be less than \$500 without the shed. **Anna** will be attending the school's composting meeting on February 15th.
5. There were about 25 people in Trash Talk #2 with Claire Weinberg.

Next Meeting: will be 6:00 2/26/18 at the Public Safety Building – no meeting on the 19th.