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Minutes of the Recycling and Sustainability Committee Feb 26 2019

Present:

Christine Zadokovich, Chair
Lindo Corona, Member
Joyce Kutzer, Member
Mary McDonald, Member
David Tapscott, Liaison to Board of Health

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 in the Uxbridge High School Library. I

# Terracycle

New campaigns (razors, inkjet cartridges, etc.) have been added and new pictures are needed. There is nothing in the box. This needs more advertising. There is \$40 currently in the account, with \$25 minimum payout for each recipient. Terracycle is outside of the RSC jurisdiction, since it is under Christine's name and the PTO's are the designated recipients.

## **RSC** status

Financial options were reviewed. There is not a perceived need to create a revolving account, but the ability to accept and spend grant funds should be included. The purpose or mission statement of the committee as a standing committee was reviewed:

- "3. The Recycling and Sustainability Committee will develop programs and activities to be pursued by the Town Government or within Town limits which
  - a. Promote recycling or otherwise reduced the waste stream
  - b. Reduce energy usage

c. Help mitigate or prevent the impact of climate change"

A better way of stating the third item was agreed upon:

"to educate the community and promote sustainability practices"

Sponsors would be the Board of Health and/or the Town Manager.

### Textiles

David is waiting for response from TM about letter of agreement revision which addresses. Issues of waste left by dumpster: Pick-ups should be regular. Operation during the summer was discussed and it was decided to ask about another site being used for a bin.

Textile webinar by Mary and Linda: Discussion included the impact of textile recycling on the waste stream. Curbside collection in Brookline is done by following regular trash trucks. Curbside programs were reviewed. Simple recycling does curbside recycling of textiles and other items.

It was agreed to go ahead and explore curbside and Baystate at the same time. The latter is already underway.

<u>Action</u>: Engage Baystate and explore Simple recycling. Whitman and Milford have experience. Contracts are between individuals and company only, but Town signs letter of agreement.

# Municipal contract

Inclusion of composting as a separate aspect of the contract was discussed. Issues include billing separately, number of households which might use the service. City compost does meat, bones, oils, dairy.

### **Green Community**

It was agreed that it makes sense to liaison with School Committee and for The RSC to be "funnel" for proposals for competitive grants.

<u>Action</u>: David will contact SC chair about this. We need the schedule for when grants are due, awarded, etcc.

#### Schools

### **Green Teams**

- Whitin has 14 students. Trek is being use to recycle plastic bags. There are competitive teams. Letters were written to Board of Health asking for a no plastic bag program.
- 2. Taft had chef from Gallifords present. Presentation included samples of compostables and the program proposed for the with zoo. Signs for Hannaford recycling plastic bags. were created as were Individual letters to area restaurants to institute no straw policy. BVHC presentation is pending. A presentation from marine biologist was also done
- 3. UHS team is working with shop teacher yo create compost bins.

Issue of recycling being implemented at schools being explored. Logistics are complicated and involve teachers, staff, custodial staff. The contract with Casella being is explored in terms of their capacity to handle recyclable loading.

Crayola and marker recycling program at Whitin is no longer active and needs to be revived. Taft involvement is pending.

## The Board of Health Cleanup day.

This will take place on April 6 from 9-noon. Details were discussed briefly and flyers will be distributed.

Action: circulate flyers, electronic copy of flyer to circulate

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. It passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

Next meeting	is March 12 at 6:00 in UHS library
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