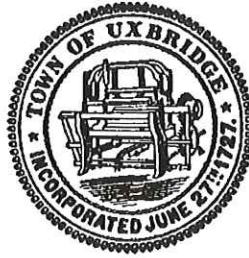


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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 on October 30, 2018 in the Board of Selectmen Room

Present:

Christine Zadykovich, Chair
Linda Corona, Member
Joyce Kutzer, Member
Mary McDonald, Member
David Tapscott, BOH Liaison

Guest: hereto listen, came to library presentation

Newsletter

This was distributed electronically almost two weeks ago. PDF was used instead because Christine couldn't log in to the Outlook Web Access site from her computer using her accounts to distribute it.

Taking responsibility for writing an article for the next newsletter in January was discussed. Mary will write about schools. Linda will write an article about Baystate textiles. The sections to be filled will be determined by Christine and distributed in the next template: recycling tip, short article, etc...

Baystate

Linda and David and Kristin Black met today with Kathryn Larsen from Baystate textiles. Linda and David discussed details of the program. The program involves placing a sturdy collecting bin at schools and one other place in town. Baystate picks this up regularly and either sells items, recycles them into fiber, or produces rags. They pay \$110/ton of textiles and accept virtually all things including shoes. Their guidance is "If you can wear it, we can take it." Oil or paint soaked rags are not acceptable. They have contracts with 100 schools in the state. Sutton is the closest district to use their services. A letter of support from the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools is needed. There is no formal Town contract, but a letter of agreement which is produced. Payments can go to student groups, PTO's or other

organizations who run and endorse the program. It was discussed that this might be an ideal program for the Green Teams to run at individual schools. A motion was made and seconded to support this program. It passed unanimously.

Action:

David will approach TM and Superintendent for their support
Kristin will get a copy of the letter of agreement and contact Sutton about their experience.

Library event

Christine has not heard back from MassSave. No program has been put together. Christine will reach out again to MassSave and see if they are responsive. If nothing has been set up, we will cancel and try for the January presentation. The alternative is to present MassSave ourselves. Other topics for future library events were discussed. One idea was to present or have a forum about solar energy for residences or small businesses. Having different vendors come in to present was discussed. The next library event will be in January.

Action:

Christine will consider presenting a program about MassSave and other energy efficiency measures, and will coordinate with Orlando. She will continue to get in touch with MassSave.

Call to Action: ask for responses for elves and then for helping with future activities.

Committee reappointments and vacancies

Joyce and Linda have been sworn in. Mary and Christine have not and are apparently on the agenda for the November 13th BOS meeting, when we do our presentation.

Reaching out to New Uxbridge Times and Bonny for people interested in becoming alternates was discussed. The BOS can make announcements about vacancies because we have two openings now.

Action:

David will check talent bank forms to see if anyone has applied and will contact BOS about making an announcement about vacancies.

BOH grant

The Town received \$3150 from the small initiatives grant (Sustainable Materials Recovery Program) Mary is interested in becoming a point person for dealing with this grant for the next year, and in the related recycling dividends program.

Action:

Mary will be in contact with Kristin to follow up.

School

Whitin green team is not off ground yet. Taft has volunteers who are in the process of signing up. Multiple stakeholders are encouraged: faculty, parents, students, community members. High school green team has already started. There are issues with implementing recycling within schools; paper and plastic bottles are the bid items. Terracycle campaigns could coordinate with green teams also.

The Whitin dishwasher is broken and reusable trays are not being used. Taft is using reusable trays. The possibility of raising money to buy a new dishwasher for Whitin via GoFundMe was discussed. Cost is estimated to be \$25,000.

First Night

The objectives of RSC participation is to help clean up and increase awareness of trash and recycling issues. Elves would walk in parade possibly with recycling bins. Elf outfits may be available through Orlando and the YMCA. Providing PET recycling containers for the parade was discussed. There were concerns about where these containers would be placed and stored.

Action:

David will pursue the availability of containers and the capacity of DPW to handle recyclables.

Local businesses

Mary and Linda met with management staff at Hannaford to see what they are doing. Zero food waste is the goal. Then priority is given to feeding people and then animals. Composting and food to energy programs are also being explored. They have recently contracted with someone to collect cooking oil for fuel and are exploring collecting scrap metal. A portion of profits from reusable bags purchased are given to local groups. They are interested in having Green Teams visit them. They would support a plastic bag ban as long as it is community wide. They have figures on what is spent on plastic vs. paper bags. They are remodeling to increase the amount of space for more recycling activities. This is probably a corporate policy.

Mendon Street café also runs things in a very green manner and uses solar power. Profits go to First Night and other community groups.

Action:

Mary and Linda will follow up on this and may approach CVS in the future

Terracycle

Christine will advertise in terms of picking up various items. The possibility of Town Hall as a site was discussed. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, cigarette butts, air fresheners, vitamin bottles plastic or glass are among the campaigns present. Funds can be used for any charity (schools, etc.). PTO's are current recipients. The funds amount to \$60 twice yearly now, but may increase with volume. We considered creating our own collection boxes for use in Town Hall, to use for a limited and sanitary collection program, for instance toothbrushes and toothpaste containers.

Action:

David will approach TM about a Town Hall program before the 13th.

Presentation at BOS

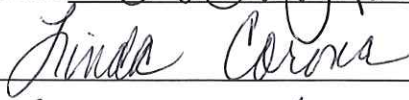
November 13th we will open a meeting at BOS meeting, present our RSC accomplishments, and inquire about becoming a standing committee. The appointments of Mary and Christine will also be raised. The meeting will continue in Lower Town Hall.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00


Christine Zadykovich



Linda Corona



Joyce Kutzer



Mary McDonald

