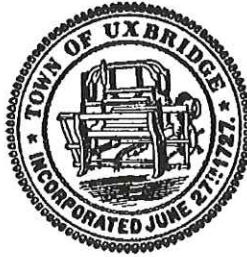


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Meeting of July 10, 2018 in Lower Town Hall

In attendance:

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Lower Town Hall

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Guest, Kay Danherder (dayanddom@charter.net) from Uxbridge who had a general interest in the Committee's work

The Green Team from the Whitin School was invited to come and may be at here at 6:30

Library

Aug 13 at 6:00 has been set as the date for a RSC presentation. The exact location in the library has yet to be determined. Electronic compatibility will be explored since a power point presentation is anticipated. The purpose of the presentation will be to let people know what we are doing, to establish a "Friends of the RSC" resource list which can be called upon for ideas and activities. Orlando is our champion. He and Mary will lead the presentation and work on the power point. The possibility of Joyce doing a talk about recycling, from simple to complex, was also discussed. Lots of brochures will be on hand.

A general statement about RSC was discussed. It will include our mission, a review of our accomplishments and initiatives we are working on (see below). Activities such as dryer ball.

Schedule might look as follows:

1. General statement about RSC

2. Accomplishments: school green teams, town survey, town cleanup day, composting bins, recycling brochures, Green Communities designation
3. Initiatives: municipal contract (in collaboration with the BOH), educational programs such as the RSC night, booths as First Night, etc..
4. Recycling from A to Z
5. Discussion of Terracycle program
6. Hand on activity such as making dryer balls from yarn instead of throw away sheets
7. Demo of composting in the kitchen and outside

Action:

Orlando and Mary will work on overall presentation and power point
Joyce will consider giving a recycling from A to Z talk
Christine will organize Terracycle talk and dryer ball activity
David will demo composting and get lots of brochures printed

Business

MM still working on meeting with Hannaford to discuss what they do to handle their waste stream and how we might fit in to promote existing activity and foster new recycling or reduced use initiatives. This might include food waste, plastic bag use and recycling. She will involve Jackie and Deanna as feasible.

Questions about siting a Terracycle campaign at Hannaford and/or a recycle anything box there was discussed. The "anything" box costs \$159. There was discussion about whether we wanted to fundraise to buy a box.

Discussion of coffee pods followed. Subaru dealerships accept all of these items in any quantity at present.

Action:

Mary will work on setting up meeting
Christine will continue to inform us about Terracycle and further discussion needs to be held in the future regarding our involvement with their campaigns and "anything" box purchase.

BOH Report

Municipal Contract

A review of the status of the municipal contract was given by David. Orlando, Kristin Black and David met with Irene Congdon and Jimmy Berkowitz last week to discuss a contract. Going out to bid and presenting to Town meeting is not needed if the contract is for 3 years. Town meeting needs to be involved if there is an enterprise fund set up for billing. A contract for Dunstable was used as a model for what might be used.

The service would involve a weekly pickup of both recycling and trash, with a 64 gallon curbside bin for the former and 48 gallon one for the latter. There was concern that the 64 gallon bin would not be large enough for some households. There was also concern that if the Town was able to purchase the bins at reduced cost to sell to customers, the upfront cost would be resisted, since haulers now provide their own bins. Rolling this into the billing for the first year or so seemed like a good way to pay for the bins without incurring too much upfront cost.

E.L. Harvey was also discussed as a possible contractor. The experience of some is that very little recycling education is offered by them.

Energy Audit

David reviewed the results of the energy audit of town properties, which is part of the Green Communities designation process. High electricity use by the high school was discussed. Remediation of control systems

promises to be a net savings to the Town. It was not clear whether this would be included in the Green Communities process as an energy efficiency improvement.

Joint BOS/BOH/RSC Meeting

Christine was approached by Justin Piccirillo about having a joint session with BOS, BOH and RSC to discuss the municipal contract. This might be a good opportunity to present update to BOS about RSC accomplishments and plans.

Action:

David will approach Kristin and Justin about August 20th as a possible date.

Communication and Education

Several items were discussed:

Kristin will be contact person for adding anything to Town website. Documents and events can be added. We should have the August 13th presentation up front with Notices and Events.

We are on Twitter, but Instagram

Christine has no access to Town email. RSC email comes to her gmail account. David will explore with Kristin getting her access to town email.

A quarterly newsletter and recruitment of "friends" interested will need this access.

Plastic bag ban

Experiences of other towns were reviewed. Building slow and gaining support from citizens and businesses was thought to be the best strategy to pursue before presenting at a forum or putting an article on the warrant for Town Meeting. Statewide legislation is in the works.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and voted on unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Christine Zadykovich

Orlando Corona

Linda Corona

Joyce Kutzer

Mary McDonald

