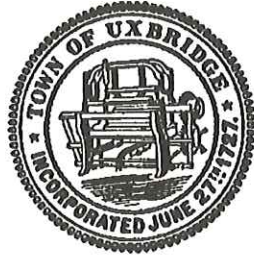


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The meeting was called to order in the Uxbridge High School Library at 6:00 PM on June 11, 2019

Present:

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David Tapscott, Liaison to the Board of Health
Guest: Francis Seth Dudley of Dudley's Dogs

Dudley's Dogs

The issue of the littering of nips on the roadside was discussed. Seth has agreed to accept nips at Dudley's Dogs on Wednesdays and is giving a free hot dog for a certain number of nips delivered to him. He has arranged for proper disposal of them through a hauler in Auburn. The higher density of discarded nips was thought to be near liquor stores, although they are found throughout town.

The RSC applauded his efforts and will support him. Partnering with Sweet Wise ice cream was suggested. FB pictures of RSC members bringing in bags of nips will also be helpful. August 14th was set as a NIP day and coordinated efforts to bring lots of nips in to Dudley's Dogs between 10 AM and noon on that day was agreed upon. Getting Sweet Wise, the local press, and as many citizens as possible involved was also agreed upon.

Action

David will get information on bills in state legislature regarding deposits on nips bottles

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Linda will contact local press about the event

RSC will spread the word on FB about the event.

RSC Status

Talent bank forms have been submitted by Christine, Orlando, and Linda. Mary is interested in being on the RSC for another year. Katie Dugan is also interested. Joyce has decided to step aside and will resign her membership.

Due to questions about the role of the RSC and the details for how it would handle funds, the article asking for standing committee status was passed over at the spring Town Meeting. The subject will likely be revisited in the future.

Action

David will monitor the status of the talent bank forms and ask that all 5 members be appointed by the BOS before the end of the year.

Textiles

The company originally engaged for place containers for collection has asked that 5 different sites in town be provided if they are to enter an agreement. The number of sites does not seem feasible at the present time.

Action

Mary will explore the details of having Simple Recycling offer curbside textile recycling.

Terracycle

The collection container is more visible in Town Hall and more items are being deposited there. The next redemption date is in October and cashing out will be done in January. Whitin and Taft PTO's are the only recipients of the cash credits.

Green Teams

There is another teacher interested in taking over for Mary Ellen Jansson at Whitin. She is retiring. See the attached list of accomplishments. The Green Team Wheel was passed around; it details proper recycling techniques and sorting options. It is available through MA DEP Green Team website and organization.

The status of the Taft Green Team is unknown at this time since Mary will be stepping aside. The UHS Green Team will be starting up again in the fall under the same advisor. Wendy Phillips, the Green Team coordinator, has cancelled the last meeting for the current school year. She will be approached about plans for next year.

Library Programs

The last presentation done on plastic pollution was attended by 8 people. The Surfrider Foundation slide show was used and seemed to be informative. Discussion of the number of events resulted in planning for two events, per year, with more planning and outreach involved before the meetings. March 16th and October 21st were set as the dates. These are after the monthly RSC meetings which will allow for planning of the events at those meetings.

Action

Orlando will contact the Library director about the dates.

Athletic Fields

The difficulty with recycling at the various athletic events held during the summer was discussed. The Field Use Request Form signed by the various associations sign does not include any clause which mentions recycling. It does state that "All Trash be Removed". We discussed monitoring the actual practice of recycling if bins are brought to the events. They are stored at the DPW.

Action

Joyce and Linda will attend baseball games and monitor real time activity.
Christine will contact Tim Devlin, the Chair of the Recreation Commission about the issues of recycling and compliance.

Legislation

There were questions about the various forms of state legislation concerning single use plastic bans, deposits on various bottles, etc.

Action

David will reach out via the Green Network to ask for clarification.


Orlando made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Linda. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05. The next meeting will be on August 13th, in the Lower Town Hall. July 9th meeting has been cancelled because of there will not be a quorum of members to attend.

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