Recycling and Sustainability Committee Meeting August 13, 2019

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The meeting was called to order in the Lower Town Hall at 6:00 PM on August 13, 2019

Present:

Christine Zadykovich, Chair Orlando Corona, Vice Chair Mary Mcdonald, Member David Tapscott, Liaison to the Board of Health

Organization

Christine was nominated to continue and Chair and Mary was nominated to be Vice-chair. The nominations were seconded and the vote to accept them was unanimous.

Katie is the new member and has not been heard from. Contact information is only email at this point.

All 5 members were reappointed by the Selectmen and have received letters.

Action:

David will reach out to her to determine continued interest.

Dudley"s Dogs

The August 14th Nip Day have been advertised on FB. Christine and Orlando are able to go. There was discussion about the difficulty with enforcement of littering laws, the role of signs and the police. The difficulties with enforcement were acknowledged. There has been no response from the press at of yet

The bill proposed for a deposit on nip bottles has not made any progress in the Legislature.

Action:

Christine will ask UPD about litter enforcement David will continue to follow legislative efforts.

Hazardous Waste at NEDT

The Board of Health was able to fund a limited amount for Uxbridge residents to bring hazardous materials to NEDT in Sutton for proper disposal The amount of credit \$50 per resident, up to 100 residents can use. If get enough response, may try to budget it.

Metal and Uxbridge DPW Recycling

Jamie O'Neill and Exhausted in Worcester. Variety of issues discussed regarding metal pickup in Attleboro, etc.

Action: Mary will check out Exhausted

Textile

Various issues. Simple recycling goes to various towns.

Action: Mary will contact and see if they will offer to Uxbridge

Schools/Green Team

Cancelled meetings at end of year were discussed and we are waiting to see what will happen in the fall. Wendy Phillips is still in charge. There is still lots of kid excitement. There are lots of examples from different schools which can lead Uxbridge. There were thoughts about a petition to Superintendent about school recycling from parents to get schools to recycle.

Action: Mary's SMART goal:

S Recycling program

M Yes

A contact coordinator, petition, super

R yes

T end of year

Terracycle

Christine will handle to increase advertising, capacity, etc. We are listed as a collection site on their map. She is taking K cups to Subaru. Very little results, although many hits on FB page. Flyers at library.

Action: Christine's SMART goal

S toothbrushes

M 10K

A spread the word

R yes

T end of year

Library

On October 21, the topic will be energy efficiency. Mass Save contacts can be distributed and a company named Meachum may be willing to come to talk. They are contracted auditors. Topics for the March events will be appropriate for spring topics (e.g., composting, cleaning up)

Action: Christine will contact Meachum to present at library in October

Athletic Fields

No responses were forthcoming from Recreation Commission outreach. We thought this should be pursued again in the spring.

Municipal Contract

There has been no activity on the municipal contract; a sample RFP is being explored. BOH received an extension on the grant for carts; it had been due to expire in 2020. A new Town Manager in place will be critical towards progress on this issue.

Simple recycling is involved in textile curbside recycling (see above). They will also educate people about the ability of this program to reduce amount of trash. Companies involved in subscription curbside composting are also available.

Action: Orlando and David's SMART goal

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S programs for curbside textile and compost recycling

M 2 programs in place

A get contracts in place

R Yes

T one year

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Next meeting will be on September 10th, place to be determined, but probably in the UHS Library, at 6:00.

Christine Zadykovich

Orlando Corona

Mary McDonald