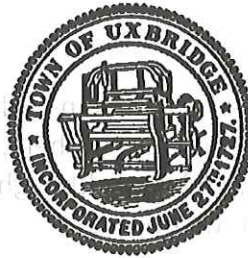


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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM on March 12, 2019 in the Uxbridge High School Library.

Present:

Christine Zadykovich, Chair
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Guests:

Katie Dugan (Kd1111@yahoo.com) She was interested in the energy audits and subsequent decisions about the grant. She will be emailed a copy of the final project.

Ray Talke suggested that the municipal contract documents be posted in the interests of transparency.

Terracycle

It has been hard to get the word out about the recycling box in Town Hall. New pictures were put up to reflect all of the items accepted. There is also a list on our FB page. It was suggested that a larger list or poster be placed there which would attract more attention and give more information about the items. Development of flyers was also discussed.

Cleanup Day

The RSC agreed to have a presence there and Christine will bring a tent, table and terracycle box. Brochures and the banner will also be brought there. Collecting and sorting items suitable for Terracycle campaigns was also discussed, and although cumbersome to have two different bags for litter, individuals will be offered that option.

The composting workshop at the Library was mentioned.

RSC status

The proposed warrant article was read and discussed. Additions suggested were that two alternate positions be created in addition to the regular 5 members.

A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Joyce to recommend that the Board of Health submit the article as written, with the addition of alternate positions, as a warrant article for the Spring Town Meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Future activities for the RSC were discussed. These include facilitating the Green Communities competitive grant process, exploring the aggregation of electricity for the town, and continuing with the education of citizens about recycling and other sustainability activities. The municipal trash and recycling contract being created by the Board will need a lot of public education.

Textiles

We are ready to go on with placing a bin provided by Baystate on the High School property. The principal will weigh in on the exact placement and the Town Manager still needs to sign the letter of agreement. Since the Terracycle benefits go to the PTO's of Whitin and Taft schools, having the benefits go to the High School Green Team or PTO was thought to be the most appropriate arrangement.

Curbside recycling can be offered but does not need to be included in the municipal contract since the services are free. The benefits are based on a per ton amount. Simple Recycling is the group which has approached us in the past.

Action: Mary will follow up with Simply Recycling

Municipal Contract

The Board of Health had a pre-bid conference yesterday and 5 potential haulers attended. The questions raised will be incorporated into final RFP. This should be going out soon. The creation of an enterprise fund will be placed on the warrant of the Spring Town Meeting by the Board of Health.

Letters from the Whiting Green Team were sent to the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, and Town Manager. Participation by the GT members at tomorrow's Board of Health meeting is anticipated. This issue raised is one of banning the use of plastic bags in Uxbridge. This has been a recurring topic of discussion with the RSC and examples of other towns who have taken that step were reviewed. The marker recycling program was also discussed.

The difficulty of distributing the blue recycling bins to the sports fields was discussed. They have holes in the lid which let rain in. Various solutions were discussed. Christine has been in touch with the Uxbridge Baseball Association and apparently they do not have a recycling component to their trash pickup.

The minutes from the February 26th meeting were accepted by unanimous vote and signed. The next meeting will be April 9th. We may be asked to use a classroom instead of the library.

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