

Ayer Recycling Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2016, 7-8:45

Attendees: Laurie, Melissa, Ruth, Dan, Shawna, Janice

Agenda Topics

1. ACA (aka KAB)

- Hopefully signs will be in on Friday for pick up- Dan and Shawna will hang them next week
- Dan and Shawna asked the rotary fast food places for volunteers- only Taco Bell seemed promising- will check in the week before
- At least one Girl Scout group should be in attendance
- Boy Scout troop 3 may show up
- Lauri has started her email/facebook routine
- APAC has a slide
- Melissa is contacting schools- Honor Society has a conflict
- Members took posters to hang (40 total)- Lauri to send updated locations
- Janice plans to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting to publicize. Laurie will meet with her ahead of time.
- Possible regional PR with surrounding towns also doing clean up days
- Lauri will drop off materials on the Friday before to Dan and Shawna's house
- Lauri will ask Mark for an updated map
- Laurie will cut the town in fifths to suggest places to put up posters.
- Dan is bubbly/ebullient

2. Fix It Café update

- Set for June 18th 9-1 at town hall upstairs
- Will do more publicity once ACA is over- flyers, etc.
- Information from Bolton has been useful
- Laurie will talk to Faisal about getting fixers, will copy Melissa
- Laurie will try to have a poster ready at KAB

3. Sustainable Materials Recovery Program

- Due June 15th
- ARC is most interested in Styrofoam and organics
- Will ask Mark and Andrew what is feasible- Laurie
- Melissa will write up ideas related to 1) survey answers to see what respondents were interested (see below) and 2) [level of service for organics/does it make sense for us to offer since many are able to compost in their yard. Will humor Laurie by asking about curbside composting including leaf and yard waste](#)
- From a survey conducted a few years ago see below for responses to what residents would like to be able to recycle that's not currently offered at the TS

4. RYR

- Plan is coming together for vendors, etc. through subcommittee

5. Supporting the schools after SMRP grant expires June 30

- MMcD feels that she will be the de facto question-answerer for the schools in

the future. Processes have been put in place and hopefully people will follow them. Hopeful that ACE assembly might spark some motivation on the part of high school students.

6. Report on conferences, meetings, grants, etc.
 - Lauri and Melissa attended Mass Recycle Conference
 - Melissa met with manager of Shop'n'Save
 - Bottle/can/glass machine is coming soon.
 - Open to put in a bag return box. Would appreciate vendor info.
 - Produce goes to L&F and OFT when useable. Generate @3 barrels (30 gallonish) a week in trimmings. Would be willing to offer as compost but some process things to work out
7. Recycling Dividends Grand Program
 - We are eligible for about 12 points this year, translating into about \$4000
 - Melissa will handle payment to ACE for Fall assembly
8. Post Card
 - Lauri spoke with Mark and Andrew about text for what can be recycled
 - Kim Becker is designing
 - Prepared to move on with design
 - ~~Subtopic about businesses being allowed to use transfer station will be included~~
9. Schedule next meeting
 - Please send your availability for first two weeks in June

Survey responses

- Returnable bottles and cans: like a reverse vending machine. you put in the returnables and get cash back!
- Building/demolition waste (5)
- Anti freeze
- Styrofoam (13)
- I thought we didn't recycle batteries. Would like to. (2)
- compost yard waste & distribute to residents
- Food waste - maybe give to farms
- paint
- everything possible
- Bottles, cans, paper, cardboard, plastic
- plastic bags
- unmarked plastic

Tentative agenda for June meeting

1. Debrief on KAB
2. Pros and cons of job descriptions
3. Project ideas