

North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

Minutes: March 7th, 2022

Meeting conducted virtually due to travel and health needs

Attendees: Debbie Grover, Lisa Belanger, Nicole Hewes, Jim Briggs, Darcy Cunningham, Laurie Gilman, Scott Kaplan

1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM

2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes

- . Minutes approved unanimously as written

1. Old Business

- . Public Input:

- . No residents present for input or comment

a. Budget Submission:

. \$1200 in the new budget to provide sustainable signage/banner, table displays for events, plus printing (e.g.: brochures, postcards)

i. Funds would be available starting 7/1

b. Summer Market Schedule:

. Current schedule looks as follows:

Date	Member	Guest
6/21	Jim	EcoMaine
6/28	Jim	
7/5	Darcy	Garbage to Gardens
7/12	Scott	
7/19	Darcy	
7/26	Nicole	Mainely Worm Bins
8/2	Scott	
8/9		
8/16	Nicole	
8/23	Lisa	

i. Discussion around profit and non-profit organizations being hosted

- 0. Should people be able to sell items that may connect to their organizations?

- . Garbage to Gardens → town already sells their compost bins, so we could sell those if a town staff person was present

- a. Will ask Lisa Thompson about whether having invited, for-profit groups sell items at the market is OK

- . Pending Lisa's response, for-profit guests will be told how much a slot at the market costs (\$20) and asked to make a donation to the Town

- 0. Darcy proposed, Laurie seconded, passes unanimously

- 1. Filling the remaining slots

- . ZeroWaste Maine and Buy Nothing are awaiting a date assignment

- a. Possibly having a committee member discuss a passion topic if needed as a filler

- 2. Recycling Committee Member Slots - Hoping everyone will take on one slot

- . Darcy would be happy to give up 7/19 if someone wants that date

- a. Nicole would be happy to give up 8/16 if someone wants that date

1. Subcommittee Reports:

- . Recycling Committee Materials for Booth/Displays – Laurie, Scott, & Nicole

. Cardboard trifold with QR codes

- 0. Section 1 (smaller) - successful recycling in NY (dos and don'ts, wish-cycling, costs to the town, compost, etc.) → Our committee's "why"

- 1. Section 2 (smaller) - possible rotating content (digitally with a QR code)

- . Debbie could help us rotate content on the Trash Talk and Recycling Committee websites and we could link via QR codes to both pages

- a. Possible QR code links to EcoMaine resources

- 2. Large panel - personal steps you can take to be more eco-friendly

i. Little games/activities

- 0. Create a pocketful of mini-activities relating to recycling

- . Such as, put these items in the order of time it takes them to degrade

- a. Jill had a list of ideas that she may be able to share with us

ii. Sample products/items to showcase alternatives to single-use products

- 0. Have a sample of the single-use product paired with the better item

- . "Use this? Try this instead."

- a. Wool dryer balls v. dryer sheets (Laurie)

- b. Laundry detergent v. laundry strips (Darcy)
- c. Stasher silicone bag v. plastic bags (Nicole)
- iii. Sub-committee will continue work to plan out more specifically the content for the booth

- a. Town Meeting Presence: Saturday, April 30th
 - . Would like to have a station for our committee at Town Meeting to let people know who we are and what we do → aim to have our trifold ready for this date
 - i. Jim, Darcy, and Lisa could be available that morning

- b. Town Clean-Up Day Committee (June 25th) – Lisa and Jim
 - . Discussion around hosting a swap
 - 0. Very expensive to have a load of items taken away if they are left over at the end of the day – want to avoid having large piles of abandoned items
 - 1. “Pop-Up Swap Shop” designation for the event
 - . Being specific about the guidelines for items that we are taking
 - a. Set items out on Parsonage Road to be visible on the way to the Public Works area
 - b. Lisa Thompson willing to support the event with advertising, space, etc.
 - c. Possible food truck connection?

- 1. Adjournment
 - . Adjournment: 8:05 PM
 - a. Next Meeting: Monday, April 4th @ 7:00 PM

To-Dos:

- 1. Laurie will reach out to Lisa Thompson regarding invited guests selling their goods at our table at the Summer Markets
- 2. Work on filling in the Summer Markets schedule – both committee member slots and guests (contact Jim to get yourself/guests added to the schedule)
 - . Darcy and Nicole are willing to give up their 2nd slots (July 19th or August 16th) to allow everyone to take a turn
- 3. Recycling Committee Booth Content subcommittee will continue working on plans for our table at the Summer Markets
- 4. Lisa will organize a proposal for a Swap Event to coincide with the Town Clean-Up Day