

## North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

### Minutes of August 30, 2021 meeting

Attending: Draven Walker (Assistant to the Town Manager and representing Debbie Grover (Assistant Town Manager), Jim Briggs, Jill Kaechele, Darcy Cunningham, Sandy Falsey, Laurie Gilman, Rob Wood

Not present: Nicole Hews, Scot Kaplan

After brief discussion Sandy and Darcy were selected as Co-Chairs, Nicole volunteered in absentia to be Secretary

Committee members individually described their ideas and passions. These possible topics included reducing roadside trash, reducing “wish-recycling”, increasing composting, education of recycling for both children and parents.

Possible resources as we enter into project would include ecomaine for printed and media resources, Cumberland County Soil and Water (Alison Clift(sp?) for composting and yard scaping.

Outreach and education could include the town’s current communication tools of Reminders from Town Hall (800 addresses), Town website (1600 names) and recorded town meeting videos (5000 in last month). The recent Trash Talk newsletter received positive responses. Group also discussed possible educational opportunities at town gatherings such as Kite Day, election days, and other town events. One exercise could be games to try to correctly sort a pile of possible recyclable items which is currently practiced by ecomaine outreach educators at ecomaine.

Prior to the next meeting Jill will reach out to the schools and Rob will find a list of past ecomaine school recycling grants.

In consensus, the group decided to focus on wish recycling and composting for an initial effort.

Next meeting: Monday October 4, 7:00PM. The Co-Chairs will contact the Town Office to secure a meeting space.

Humbly submitted by Rob Wood

Minutes approve on 10-4-2021