

North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

Minutes: November 8th, 2021

Attendees: Debbie Grover, Laurie Gilman, Scott Kaplan, Nicole Hewes, Jill Kaechele, Darcy Cunningham, Jim Briggs

1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
 - a. Vote to amend minutes from September meeting -- update co-chairs to read Darcy Cunningham and Laurie Gilman as co-chairs, not Darcy Cunningham and Sandy Falsey (Approved unanimously)
 - b. October minutes accepted unanimously
3. Old Business
 - a. Reviewing group brainstorm of goals from October meeting
 - i. Proposal: Focus on the education component of recycling. Each committee member chooses a topic area to focus on throughout the course of our work
 1. Each person will share one fact about their topic at each meeting to help build our committee knowledge and collect information/resources for education purposes
 2. We could also share our information in the town newsletter, bulletin boards at the Wescustago Community Center, town social media
 - ii. Topic Area Assignment
 1. Reduce/Refuse - Scott
 2. Reuse - Jill
 3. Recycle
 - a. Plastic - Jim
 - b. Paper - Laurie
 - c. Metal - Nicole
 - d. Glass - Darcy
 4. Compost - Jim
 - iii. For December Meeting
 1. Each person will bring one fact about their specialty area
 2. Try to find an accompanying graphic as well
 - a. Recycling IQ Kit (Massachusetts)
<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/get-the-massdep-recycling-iq-kit>
Graphics: <https://mdep.app.box.com/s/7l1atqfw9yd83yhlztnxeqptoaiifgb29>
 3. Upcoming Town Newsletter for December - Focus on wrapping paper, recycling related to the holidays
 - iv. Recycling/Environmental Fair
 1. Earth Day is April 22nd, 2022 (Friday). This is during school vacation week. We could offer an event on Earth Day that families could attend. Possible follow-up on April 23rd, 2022.

- a. Wescustago Community Center (Lisa Thompson) has booked that space for us for Earth Day (4/22/2022)
 - b. Discussion around the possibility of a follow-up event on Saturday. Maybe wait for a town-focused clean up during National Recycling Week in November
- 2. Broaden topic from recycling to environment.
 - a. Focus on trying to identify goals for the event and then starting to think about partners and organizations that might be included
 - b. Possible Themes:
 - i. “You Can Make a Difference” Things that each household can choose to take action on to improve their recycling/environmental practices
 - ii. National Earth Day theme is “Climate Change”
 - c. Developing a list of potential sponsors and activities
 - i. Will focus and narrow down activities according to our “You Can Make a Difference” theme during our next meeting
 - ii. Start to identify higher-level areas of focus for the event. Bring ideas to the next meeting.
 - 1. Examples: “Recycle Right,” “Engage Kids to Engage Their Families”

4. New Business

- a. Vote on consistent meeting time: 1st Monday of the month
 - i. Motion approved unanimously
- b. Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 6th, 2021 @ 7:00 at the Wescustago Community Center

5. Adjournment: 8:03 PM