

## North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

Minutes: October 3rd, 2022

**Attendees:** Scott Kaplan, Darcy Cunningham, Laurie Gilman, Nicole Hewes, Lisa Belanger, Debbie Grover, Andrea Berry

1. Call to Order: 7:04 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
  - a. Darcy moved to accept as written, Scott seconded; passed unanimously
3. Old Business
  - a. Public input
    - i. None
  - b. Planning for Plastic-Free Event
    - i. October 7th - Sustainability Swap: Straws
    - ii. October 21st - Sustainability Swap: Plastic Takeout Cups
    - iii. Debbie shared that our posts are getting some engagement. Instagram was the most popular, followed by Facebook. Twitter had very little activity.
    - iv. Want to post some kind of a check-in about how people are doing/success stories
    - v. Lisa - Marketing update - MSAD 51 will put our flier in their newsletter and on their website, posted at North Yarmouth Variety, posted at Community Center. Waiting to hear from the Forecaster and the library.
  - c. Trunk or Treat Planning
    - i. Our “trunk” offering: Clementine Jack-o-Lantern design station, EcoMaine pencils
    - ii. Will also have our Recycling Committee trifold
    - iii. Bring over a Garbage to Garden bin for the movie/food trucks event
    - iv. Saturday, October 29th – 5-7 PM; movie starts at 7:00 PM
      1. Lisa can volunteer; Darcy can help set-up, Laurie can come later in the event
  - d. “Town Sustainability Proposal” → Has not yet been submitted to the Select Board
    - i. Recommendation to take an audit of town events and making a note of what current practice looks like in terms of non-recyclable waste generated
      1. Example: Providing water bottles at meetings, election volunteers, etc.  
→ Potential to provide NY-branded alternatives (i.e. water bottles)
4. New Business
  - a. Committee Name Change
    - i. Want to avoid the word “sustainability” because it would duplicate the use of the word in the town “Economic Development and Sustainability Committee”

- ii. Want to encompass composting, other aspects of waste reduction
- iii. Research other towns and what the name is for their committees of this type

b. Brainstorm a Mission Statement:

- i. Review our charge and think about how we might expand upon it to create a Mission Statement that shows we can encompass more than recycling

c. Offer from Vanessa Berry (NRCM's Sustainability Program) to advise on potential policy considerations

- i. Will invite Vanessa to attend a future meeting

5. Tabled/Future Topics

- a. HS Liaison update?
- b. Sustainability contact at Allagash Brewery. ...explore the possibility of setting-up a PakTech plastic handle drop-box in NY. (Lisa)
- c. Garbage to Garden bins → lighting? And possible second kiosk for more convenient locations

6. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment: 8:04 PM
- b. Next Meeting: Monday, November 14th

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To-Dos:

- Nicole - Will send Sustainability swaps for 10/7 and 10/21 newsletter to Debbie Grover
- Darcy - Will research clementines and follow process to expense & purchase them
- Laurie will explore Sharpies/permanent markers
- Lisa will explore whether local towns have sustainability policies in place and what they are
- Nicole will research local communities to seek inspiration for a new committee name/mission