

North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

Minutes: February 7th, 2022

Meeting conducted virtually due to inclement weather

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

1. Call to Order: 7:01 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
 - a. January minutes - date amended to read "2022" instead of 2021
 - b. Minutes accepted unanimously
3. Old Business
 - a. Remote Policy
 - i. Five signatures collected prior to tonight's meeting → officially signed and approved
 - b. Public Input
 - i. No residents present for input or comment
 - c. Recycling Fair/Events Discussion
 - i. Updates from Jill:
 1. Toy and book exchange
 2. Tool exchange
 3. Salvation Army → not currently taking donations due to COVID
 4. End of School robot competition
 5. DIY craft table
 6. Recycling booklists for kids
 7. Graphic Design resources → Garnet & May (www.garnetandmay.com)
 - ii. Updates from Debbie:
 1. Town Clean-Up Day: Saturday, June 25th: 8 AM - 1 PM
 2. Town Meeting: Saturday, April 30th
 3. Election Days: Tuesday, March 15th, Tuesday, June 14th, Tuesday, November 8th
 - iii. Format of Events:
 1. Leaning towards smaller events, such as the weekly Farmers' Market
 2. Plan to have one "guest" at each event (guests such as Garbage to Garden, EcoMaine, etc.)
 - iv. Updates from Lisa:
 1. Goodwill items list explaining what they take/don't take
 2. EcoMaine provided a list of possible vendors/guests
 - a. National Resources Council of Maine contact based in Cumberland
 - i. Policy-focused resources/education
 - b. EcoMaine has visual aids, activities, giveaways
 - c. ZeroWaste Maine

- d. Buy Nothing group (Durham, Pownal, North Yarmouth)
 - e. Thrift store contacts
 - f. GoGo Refill
 - g. Mainely Worm Bins - Jock Robie
 - v. Updates from Darcy:
 - 1. Garbage to Garden does events and has educational materials
 - vi. Updates from Scott:
 - 1. If events are going to be smaller, then soliciting large numbers of vendors is likely not something that we need to do at this point
 - 2. Could make an effort to promote recycling-friendly vendors
- d. Discussion around "Top 10" Booths/Ideas for our events
 - i. EcoMaine
 - ii. Garbage to Garden
 - iii. National Resources Council of Maine
 - iv. DIY Craft Demonstration (possibly multiple ideas/events)
 - v. Book/Toy Swap
 - vi. Tool Swap
 - vii. Zerowaste Maine
 - viii. Jock Robie - Mainely Worm Bins
 - ix. Buy Nothing
 - x. Go-Go Refill
- e. Dates for Events
 - i. Election Day: Tuesday, March 15th
 - ii. Town Meeting: Saturday, April 30th
 - iii. Election Day: Tuesday, June 14th
 - iv. Town Clean Up Day: Saturday, June 25th
 - v. Summer Markets (Tuesday, 4:30-7:30)
 - 1. June 21st
 - 2. June 28th
 - 3. July 5th
 - 4. July 12th
 - 5. July 19th
 - 6. July 26th
 - 7. August 2nd
 - 8. August 9th
 - 9. August 16th
 - 10. August 23rd
 - vi. Election Day: Tuesday, November 8th
- f. Discussion around Town Clean Up Day Options
 - i. Safety a concern at the Public Works site
 - ii. Proposal to use Community Center or Town Office parking lot for dropping off items/freecycle event

- iii. Could end that event just prior to the end of clean up day to make transfer to items to that site easier

4. New Business

- a. Committee Budget Proposal for FY 2022-2023
 - i. Marketing materials such as signage for Farmers' Market booth
 - ii. Books or resources for messaging / giveaways

5. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment: 8:11 PM
 - b. Next Meeting: Monday, March 7th @ 7:00 PM | Community Center
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To-Dos:

1. Laurie will complete and submit the booth request form for our committee at the Summer Market
2. Lisa and Jim will create a proposal for the Town Clean Up Day event
3. Nicole, Scott, and Laurie will work on a proposal for our Recycling Committee signage for events
4. Darcy will work on putting together a budget proposal for our committee
5. Review schedules so that we can pencil ourselves in for the Farmer's Market dates
6. Jim will keep the master list of who we schedule for our Farmer's Market dates