

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, Darcie Cunningham, Laurie Gilman, Scott Kaplan

1. Call to Order: 7:02 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved unanimously as written
3. Old Business
 - a. Public Input:
 - i. No residents present for input or comment
 - b. Budget Submission:
 - i. \$1200 in the new budget to provide sustainable signage/banner, table displays for events, plus printing (e.g.: brochures, postcards)
 - ii. Funds would be available starting 7/1

c. Summer Market Schedule:

- i. 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	

- ii. Discussion around profit and non-profit organizations being hosted
 1. Should people be able to sell items that may connect to their organizations?

- a. Garbage to Gardens → town already sells their compost bins, so we could sell those if a town staff person was present
 - b. Will ask Lisa Thompson about whether having invited, for-profit groups sell items at the market is OK
 - i. 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
 - 1. Darcy proposed, Laurie seconded, passes unanimously
 - 2. Filling the remaining slots
 - a. ZeroWaste Maine and Buy Nothing are awaiting a date assignment
 - b. Possibly having a committee member discuss a passion topic if needed as a filler
 - 3. Recycling Committee Member Slots - Hoping everyone will take on one slot
 - a. Darcy would be happy to give up 7/19 if someone wants that date
 - b. Nicole would be happy to give up 8/16 if someone wants that date
4. Subcommittee Reports:
 - a. Recycling Committee Materials for Booth/Displays – Laurie, Scott, & Nicole
 - i. Cardboard trifold with QR codes
 - 1. Section 1 (smaller) - successful recycling in NY (dos and don'ts, wish-cycling, costs to the town, compost, etc.) → Our committee's "why"
 - 2. Section 2 (smaller) - possible rotating content (digitally with a QR code)
 - a. Debbie could help us rotate content on the Trash Talk and Recycling Committee websites and we could link via QR codes to both pages
 - b. Possible QR code links to EcoMaine resources
 - 3. Large panel - personal steps you can take to be more eco-friendly
 - ii. Little games/activities
 - 1. Create a pocketful of mini-activities relating to recycling
 - a. Such as, put these items in the order of time it takes them to degrade
 - b. Jill had a list of ideas that she may be able to share with us
 - iii. Sample products/items to showcase alternatives to single-use products
 - 1. Have a sample of the single-use product paired with the better item
 - a. "Use this? Try this instead."
 - b. Wool dryer balls v. dryer sheets (Laurie)
 - c. Laundry detergent v. laundry strips (Darcy)
 - d. Stasher silicone bag v. plastic bags (Nicole)
 - iv. Sub-committee will continue work to plan out more specifically the content for the booth
 - b. Town Meeting Presence: Saturday, April 30th
 - i. 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
 - ii. Jim and Lisa could be available that morning

- c. Town Clean-Up Day Committee (June 25th) – Lisa and Jim
 - i. Discussion around hosting a swap
 - 1. 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
 - 2. “Pop-Up Swap Shop” designation for the event
 - a. Being specific about the guidelines for items that we are taking
 - b. Set items out on Parsonage Road to be visible on the way to the Public Works area
 - c. Lisa Thompson willing to support the event with advertising, space, etc.
 - d. Possible food truck connection?
5. Adjournment
- a. Adjournment: 8:05 PM
 - b. Next Meeting: Monday, April 4th @ 7:00 PM
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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)
 - a. 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