

North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

Minutes: April 4th, 2022

Attendees: Scott Kaplan, Lisa Belanger, Darcy Cunningham, Laurie Gilman, Jim Briggs

Staff Liaison: Debbie Grover

Select Board Liaison: Brian Sites

1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
 - a. Approved 5-0; Scott motion, Laurie second
3. Old Business
 - a. 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	[Open]	
7/26	Nicole	Mainely Worm Bins
8/2	Scott	Buy Nothing
8/9	Jill	NCRM (Or possibly move them so Jill can do repurposed DIY crafts this date)
8/16	[Open]	
8/23	Lisa	Wild Seed Project

II. TBA Market Scheduling:

- EcoMaine: August 16th or 23rd
- Wild Seed Project
- GoGo Refill
- July 19th and August 16th still open for Committee Members

- b. Town Meeting Plan Saturday, April 30th):

- i. Committee will have a table at the Town Meeting on April 30th.
 - ii. Laurie, Scott, & Nicole to coordinate
- c. July Plastic Free Challenge: Darcy
 - i. Committee in agreement we want to organize it.
 - ii. Darcy recommended earthday.org as a great resource. They promote a “Plastic Free July”
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Use posters, newsletters NY website, and market to promote
 - 2. Talk to Nicole about setting up a QR code for more info
 - 3. Brian: July might be a difficult month maybe make this a longer term effort? Summer is hard.
 - 4. Try to get students involved - Brian will talk to the chair of the school board to see if there is a way to connect directly from them
 - 5. To promote any info in newsletter or web, we should have all info to Debbie by April 20th
 - iv. Determinations:
 - 1. Keep it town wide, (not by street or neighborhood)
 - 2. Perhaps offer some sort of incentive for individuals but don’t make it too competitive
 - 3. Wait until September for this promotion when school starts
- d. Pop-Up Swap Shop (June 25th): 7:30 - 12:00
 - i. See attachment for more details
 - ii. Drop-off only: 3-6 PM on June 24th (Day before Town Clean Up Day)
 - iii. Stop taking “stuff” at noon on the 25th instead of 12:30
 - iv. Marketing:
 - 1. Debbie will help post info on web, Trash Talk, recycling page, etc. Press release - Debbie will connect Lisa with the *Forecaster* North Yarmouth reporter
 - 2. Park & Rec kiosk
 - 3. Library newsletter
 - 4. School newsletter - Debbie to provide contact
 - 5. Community Center Newsletter - contact Lisa
 - 6. Community Center sign
- e. Update from Jill
 - i. After considerable research around how to plan, structure, execute and complete a successful **Toy and Book Exchange**, I recommend that such an initiative would best be planned as a standalone activity in the future, perhaps pre-December holidays, if there is Committee interest. I’ll be happy to provide more detail at our next meeting.
 - ii. The transportable banner type I suggested at an earlier meeting, if there is interest it is about \$100. Recommend: Custom Banners – SB Signs, Brunswick – sb signsmaine.com

- iii. In lieu of the Exchange, I would be happy to step in as the “on duty” Committee member August 9. If there is no designated “guest” for that day, I would suggest that we have a booth that displays repurposed DIY crafts. If every Committee member made one item, we would have a super display.
 - 1. For 100 ideas, check out:
<https://www.diyncrafts.com/6081/repurpose/100-ways-repurpose-reuse-broken-household-items>
- iv. Don’t know if they would be useful, but I have two bibliographies that could be shared at some point - one of children’s books about recycling and another for adults.

4. New Business

- a. Remote vs. In Person Meetings - When do we decide to make the meeting all remote versus in-person?
 - i. Proposal: 3 or more people not attending would trigger a remote meeting
 - ii. Lisa-motion, Jim second, 5-0 vote

5. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment: 8:03 PM
- b. Next Meeting: Monday, May 2nd (Community Center)

To-Dos:

- Darcy - create plan for Plastic-Free September. Poster draft and info to Debbie for newsletter by April 20th. Poster ready for Town Annual Meeting.
- Scott giant cardboard he has made into triptych for our booth at market, painted a background color (team will coord). (Jim will construct something to make it stand up! (deadline??). Laurie is working on content for the triptych. Just needs done by June market. We’ll make do at Annual meeting best we can.
- Nicole - QR codes for booth signage and Plastic-Free September
- Lisa/Jim - swap shop development

Pop-Up Swap Shop
June 25th, 8AM – 1PM
Event Outline (Draft)

Location –

Front lawn, WHCC, Parsonage Rd
If inclement weather – Mtg rms 1&2 WHCC

Drop Off Times – (supervised)

6/24 3pm – 6pm
6/25 7:30am – 12:30pm

Item collection/storage area – Mtg rms 1&2, WHCC

Marketing –

- NY website
- Sign outside WHCC
- NY newsletter
- Northern Forecaster
- Other

Items We Can Accept–

- Children's supplies - clothes, shoes, toys, strollers, carriers, etc
- Books and media – hardcover & paperback, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records
- Kitchen supplies, -pots/pans, dishware, silverware, tools, etc
- Household items – artwork, picture frames, vases, candle holders, glassware, etc
- Small appliances – coffee maker, crockpot, blender, hair dryer, irons, radios, lamps etc
- Tools - Lawn & garden, carpentry, workshop
- Sports & exercise gear – balls, baseball bats, fishing poles, yoga mats, tennis racket, etc
- Pet supplies – food dishes, toys, leashes, collars, coats, etc
- Wheels – bicycle, tricycle, scooter, skateboard, etc

Note – All items must be clean, in good condition and in working order
No broken, soiled or stained items accepted

Items We Cannot Accept –

- Fabrics - Adult clothing and shoes, sheets, towels, pillows, blankets, comforters
- Electronics and office equip – TVs, computers, printers, copiers, cell phones, etc
- Large equipment – air conditioners, appliances, exercise machines, tools, etc
- Safety gear – car seats & helmets
- Furniture, mattresses, rugs & carpeting
- Auto parts
- Perishable goods and supplies

Leftovers –

Items not taken by the end of the event will be donated to Goodwill and Maine Needs
Thus far, Jim and Lisa willing to make deliveries