

North Yarmouth Recycling Committee

Minutes: September 12th, 2022

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

1. Call to Order: 7:05 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
 - a. Approved 5-0; Laurie motion, Scott second
3. Old Business
 - a. Public Input
 - b. Tuesday Markets Debrief
 - i. What Went Well?
 - Conversations with citizens were successful/useful
 - Market traffic was slow overall → small audience, but wide range of citizens
 - ii. Invited guests may not have felt that there was much impact from their presence due to small size of the markets
 - iii. Schlepping our items back and forth – especially the compost bin – was a challenge
 - Next year – possible relocation to the WHCC would be helpful for logistics
 - iv. Want to have a presence at the Food Truck and movie events next year to influence sustainable practices in town
 - Scott - Perhaps a policy proposal to emphasize that we don't allow single-use plastic at town events
 - c. Town Sustainability Proposal
 - i. Committee proposes that the town adopt a policy to use compostable or reusable materials for food and beverages in an effort to eliminate the use of single-use plastic at all town-sponsored events.
 - Would also apply to outside vendors
 - Would help to save money for garbage disposal at town events
 - Motion to send this policy proposal for Select Board discussion and consideration
 - a. Darcy motions, Lisa seconds, vote unanimous
 - d. Planning for Plastic-Free Event
 - i. Newsletter "Sustainability Swaps"
 - September 23rd - Announce Plastic-Free October & Simple Sustainability Swap
 - October 7th - Decide at October meeting
 - October 21st - Decide at October meeting
 - ii. Create a poster announcing the Plastic-Free October Event
 - Lisa will work on contacting folks to start posting the flier to get the word out around town

e. Trunk or Treat

i. Saturday, October 29th, 2022

- 5:00 - 7:00 - Trunk or Treat
- 7:00 - Halloween Movie

ii. Do we want to participate in Trunk or Treat?

- Yes, we want to support the event

a. We will take a space at the event and brainstorm an option that aligns with our mission

- i. Could we have an electric car as our “trunk?”
- ii. Clementine Jack-o-Lantern design station
- iii. Could we show a short clip or preview before the Halloween movie?
We would have a captive audience
- iv. Garbage to Garden bin for the food trucks?
- v. Bin to collect little scraps of foil

iii. HS Liaison Update?

4. New Business → Tabled for October Agenda

- a. Kid Yard Sale - November 18th
- b. Vanessa Berry from NRCM’s Sustainability Program offered to come to a future committee meeting to discuss the EPR law and other pertinent municipal policy issue. (Lisa)
- c. Sustainability contact at Allagash Brewery...explore the possibility of setting-up a PakTech plastic handle drop-box in NY. (Lisa)
- d. Future topic - Garbage to Garden bins and possible second kiosk for more convenient locations

5. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment: 8:07 PM
- b. Next Meeting: Monday, October 3rd, 2022

To-Dos:

- Darcy will send Sustainability Proposal to Andrea to pass along to the Select Board
- Nicole - Will create a Plastic-Free October flier to send to the Committee by next Monday
 - Advertise Plastic-Free October & Plastic Free Living for the whole family
 - QR Code link to webpage