

Town of North Yarmouth
NY Waste Reduction Committee
Date January 8, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Community Room at Wescustogo Hall & North Yarmouth Community Center

I. Call to Order 7:04

In attendance: Laurie Gilman, Jim Briggs, Lisa Belanger, Darcy Cunningham, SB Liaison Andrea Berry

II. Minutes Approval

Lisa moved, Darcy seconded, Unanimous Approval

III. Old Business

- a. Public input
- b. Note new name!
- c. Apparel Bin: Apparel Impact bin will be delivered Friday 1/13 near Garbage to Garden bins. For now social media announcements and education, and better signage at the bins in the spring
- d. Pac-tec report : NY Variety will host a bin but no room inside, would go under outside awning. Lisa will do the pick-ups and deliver for recycling until another system can be put in place.

IV. New Business

- a) Discussion to identify key priorities and initiatives moving forward, rather than just responding to ideas as they arise. What is the best use of our energy? What will have the most impact?

IDEAS FOR COMMITTEE GOALS (Top 3 votes are in **BOLD**)

- **food waste reduction (G2G / compost etc)**
- Reduce single use plastics
- **Reduction (vs. Recycle)**
- **Mechanization Prep (2024/2025 est.) NOTE: learned following day implementation is Nov 2023!**
- Engage with Schools re: project
- Prep & Education for upcoming EPR law (new packaging law) (2025/2026?)
- Wish-cycling
- “Circular Economy” - explanation of terminology

Food Waste

Garbage to Garden (G2G) education (*Jim will be liaison to G2G*)

G2G pick up during events
Goal: Curbside G2G
G2G bins @WHCC

Reduction / Repurpose

- Plastic Free October
- Swap Shop Pop Up
- Rethink “Buy New”
- Circular Economy
- Speaker Series for community education (*Lisa will organize*)
- Apparel bin (*Darcy will continue as point*)
- Town policy (e.g. No water bottles)

Mechanization Prep

Committee liaison with EcoMaine

Request reports from our town rep to EcoMaine (Rob Wood)

V. Any Other Business

None

NOTE: we discussed selecting a liaison to some of these other orgs (eg G2G, EcoMaine, etc) so they have one point of contact.

TO DO:

Darcy ask Rob for updates on the mechanization of trash pick-up

Lisa – ideas, people/topics, maybe a few dates for speaker series

Jim – Schools follow-up. Also G2G update

Point people for some of other priorities! Any volunteers?

VI. Adjournment @ 8:00

NEXT MEETING MONDAY FEB 6, 7 pm

Town of North Yarmouth

Committee Name: Waste Reduction Committee, an Advisory Committee to the Select Board

Mission: The purpose of the Waste Reduction Committee is to advise and assist the town in transitioning toward a zero-waste community, examining and highlighting opportunities to minimize waste in North Yarmouth. The committee will educate and promote regarding best practices in how our community consumes and disposes of goods and services via events, social media, classes, etc.