

North Yarmouth Waste Reduction Committee

Minutes: July 9th, 2023 (Draft)

Attendees: Darcy Cunningham, Jim Briggs, Keith Bubblo, Lisa Belanger

1. Call to Order: 7:05PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
 - a. Lisa moves to accept minutes, Darcy seconds. Motion passes unanimously
3. Old Business
 - a. Public input – none
 - b. New Committee member: Keith Bubblo
 1. Select Board has officially approved his appointment
 - c. Tuesday Market
 1. Committee Rep Schedule

July 18 – Jim	Aug 1 – Laurie	Aug 15 – Darcy or Keith
Aug 29 - Nicole		
July 25 – Lisa	Aug 8 – Darcy	Aug 22 – Laurie
 2. GtG Bins
 - a. Larger (64 gal) bins have not yet arrived. Jim to contact GtG to inquire into delivery status
 3. Food Vendor Survey
 - a. To better assist market visitors, Keith recommended committee reps take an informal survey of food vendors to determine which of their products are eligible for compost or recycle.
 - b. There is a question as to whether all food vendors are using appropriately labeled waste receptacles at their stations (ie – trash vs recycle). Lisa to request that Jackie monitor and intervene if necessary.
 4. Signage
 - a. Discussion of desired design for North Yarmouth Waste Reduction Committee sign for use at Vendor Market and other venues. Decision made to create tabletop sign which includes the 8 “Rs” (Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Refurbish, Repair, Repurpose, Recycle). Darcy to follow-up with Andy Walsh who has agreed to build the sign if the Committee agrees to cover the cost of materials.
 - d. Plastics Subcommittee Report (Laurie, Darcy, Nicole)
 1. Subcommittee has not yet met. Report to follow at next meeting
 - e. Food Waste Committee Report (Lisa, Keith, Jim)

1. Subcommittee members recommend using UMS Food Waste Hierarchy Pyramid (Reduce, Feed Others, Feed Animals, Compost) as a guide to planning future

activities to potentially include:

- a. Posting food waste reduction strategies and resources to town website, FB page and other pertinent venues
- b. Identifying local food pantries, farms, animal shelters, etc. that could accept food donations.
- c. Partnering with SAD 51 to plan/implement a food waste reduction project. Follow-up with SAD 51 Board Chair, Leanne Candura, who has indicated that she can be helpful to this process. Jim to reconnect with SAD 51 Green Team contacts. Lisa to investigate possibility of USM student involvement.

f. GtG Clarification

1. Jim reconnected with GtG regarding the composting vs energy combustion/biofuel question that was raised at the last meeting. Jim reports that his understanding is that only a minimal amount of the food waste material that they receive is rejected due to contamination and that material is sent to Ecomaine for incineration.

4. New Business – none

5. Adjournment: 7:45PM

a. Next Meeting: 8/7/23 at 7PM