

North Yarmouth Waste Reduction Committee

Minutes: October 2nd, 2023

Attendees: Darcy Cunningham, Laurie Gilman, Nicole Hewes, Lisa Belanger, Andrea Berry, Keith Bubblo

1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes from September Meeting
 - a. Darcy moves to accept the minutes, Keith seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - a. Public Input
 - a. None
 - b. New Member Update
 - a. Darcy and Laurie interviewed Mike Billon. They recommend moving his application forward for approval at the Select Board.
 - b. Lisa motions to move Mike's application forward, Keith seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
 - c. Plastics Subcommittee Report: Laurie, Darcy, Lisa
 - a. Say No to Single-Use Campaign:
 - Poster advertising the effort is up and posted
 - Social media posts are scheduled
 - Tuesdays will be educational in nature
 - Thursdays will be the take action component
 - b. Reducing Plastics at Town Markets:
 - Lisa relayed a list of Common Ground vendors who use compostable products for the fair
 - Jackie will review the list to look for possible vendors for future NY Markets
 - Maybe move towards asking before giving out plastic utensils, lids to make sure people actually need/want them
 - Lisa: positively celebrate/reinforce the vendors who are using compostable products
 - Laurie: Maybe create some aspirational guidelines for food trucks coming for the markets to emphasize our desire to reduce plastic waste
 - c. October Speaker Series Event:
 - Defend Our Health Founder/Executive Director Michael Belliveau
 - Monday, October 23rd, 6:30 - 8:00 @ WHCC
 - Keith will create a poster advertising the event
 - d. Food Waste Subcommittee Report: Lisa, Keith, Jim

- a. Subcommittee invited to join a meeting of GHS Student Government; other student club members; club advisors; and Leanne Candura, School Board Chair
 - Goal: Begin a discussion about Food Waste in MSAD51
 - About 25 people in attendance
 - Group was excited about spearheading the effort
 - Our committee will stand by to support
 - First student action: Reaching out to administration about their goals
 - Will likely divide and conquer to tackle food waste and recycling
 - Lisa discussion with principal: Need to consider sustainability for keeping an effort up and running after getting it off the ground
 - Resources to share with students:
 - Susanne Lee
 - Grant funding opportunities
 - Aim to connect with Cumberland Sustainability Committee

e. Trunk or Treat

- a. Saturday, October 28th, 5-9 PM
- b. Pass on the event for this year
 - Put it on an earlier agenda so we can plan a better effort for next year

4. New Business

- a. Update: Plastic Bag Recycling at Hannaford
 - i. Participation in the NextTrex program varies by location
 - Yarmouth is *not* one of the locations that is sending their collected plastic bags to the recycle program
- b. Casella New Waste Pick-Up
 - i. Reach out to Falmouth after the New Year to see what lessons learned they have in their transition to the new bins and waste collection process
 - ii. Continue adding to our questions document

5. Adjournment: 8:05 PM

- a. Next Meeting: November 6th, 2023 @ 7:00