

## North Yarmouth Waste Reduction Committee

Minutes: February 13th, 2023

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

1. Call to Order: 7:05 PM
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes
  - a. Adjustment of date to read 2023. Jim motions, Lisa seconds.
3. Old Business
  - a. Public Input
    - i. None
  - b. Garbage to Garden Conversation
    - i. Jim spoke with Caroline Fetigan
      - Pleased that we've needed to continue adding bins to our central location
      - In terms of curbside collection, 30 buckets per hour is the desired density rate
      - Adding additional kiosk locations:
        - Community Center is a possibility we could explore, as the Community Center is heavily trafficked and people could drop it off on their way to events / bins would be here for the market and other events
          - i. Prioritize this location and create an advertisement for expressing interest in curbside pick-up to post on current kiosk
          - ii. **We will ask Garbage to Garden to host a kiosk at the Community Center, pending approval from the Town.**
        - Congregational Church on the 231/115 intersection?
        - No fees for additional kiosk locations
      - Additional Questions for Garbage to Garden:
        - What are the criteria for hosting additional kiosks?
        - What is the threshold for having curbside pick-up?
      - Curbside Pick-Up:
        - 175 residents in NY have already expressed interest on the Garbage to Garden website
    - ii. **We will ask Garbage to Garden to host a kiosk at the Community Center, pending approval from the Town.**
  - c. Speaker Ideas and Schedule - Lisa
    - i. Quarterly education goal and finding speakers to help teach about our Committee goals and efforts
    - ii. Need to find out what the process is for scheduling space and hosting a Community Speaker series

- iii. 1st Quarter Speaker Idea - Mechanization of Trash/Recycling collection
    - Need to table this until we hear specifics from Diane about what this rollout will look like in North Yarmouth
  - iv. 2nd Quarter Speaker Idea - Environment & Sustainability: Susan Inches
  - v. 3rd Quarter Speaker Idea - Garbage to Garden representative or UMaine Food Tracker representative on their Food Waste reduction program
  - vi. 4th Quarter Speaker Idea - Strategies for Reduction: Sarah Nichols or Vanessa Berry (NCRM)
  - vii. Other Ideas:
    - Refuse messaging
    - Product Lifecycle: Apparel Impact representative or Goodwill
  - viii. Budget for speaker fees / donations to organizations sending representatives
    - \$100 per quarter - \$400 for the speaker series this year
- d. Mechanization Update
- i. Details are forthcoming from Diane.
  - ii. We will be here to be a resource when the rollout details are fully figured out

#### 4. New Business

- a. Creating a wooden sign for our Waste Reduction Committee to use at events
  - i. Darcy has a contact, Andy Walsh, who will create this sign, with longevity in mind
  - ii. Would just need to pay for materials
- b. Spring/summer calendar for events
  - i. Summer Market - moving to the Community Center
    - Tuesdays 3:30 - 6:30
    - Perhaps shift away from having invited educational guests to share our table (at least not on a weekly basis)
    - Interested in participating in a focused, modified format:
      - a. Having the Garbage to Garden buckets available for purchase so people can get involved in composting at home
        - i. Focusing on the food trucks/dinner hour
  - ii. How should we push compostable materials for vendors at the Market?
- c. Budget
  - i. \$400 - speaker fees
  - ii. \$300 - wooden event sign
  - iii. \$100 - office supplies
  - iv. \$300 - miscellaneous funds for Trunk or Treating, possibly compostable silverware for summer markets, or other expenses that might arise to support events and programs

5. Adjournment: 8:03 PM

a. Next Meeting: Monday, March 6th

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To-Dos:

- Lisa - Speaker series proposal
- Nicole - Garbage to Garden online sign-up form for town kiosk
- Laurie - Contact Jackie about the Market set-up so we can be near the food trucks and share about our Garbage to Garden kiosk idea for the Community Center
- Darcy - Proposal for compostable products for summer markets