

## Final Meeting Minutes – Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (RSWC) –

4/18/2023

**Attendees (Zoom meeting)** – Meryl Mandell (Chair), Gary Bernhard (Recycling Coordinator), Gail Fleischaker, Steve Rice, Tim Logan (note taker), Barbara Bigelow, Mary Glavin, Marla Killough

1 - The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

2 - Minutes from the 12/7/2022 RSWC meeting were approved.

### 3 – Status of Prior Action items:

**A** – Gary will contact Triple T (a composting company), possibly others, re. setting up a school recycling program. Gary will get the specifics and send out an email with his findings and will arrange a meeting with the school principal. Gary did contact Amy Donovan but has not heard back yet. Amy is with the Franklin County Waste Management District and focuses on school programs. The primary question at this point is cost. **ON GOING**

**B** – There is concern about the lag time from RSWC purchase requests to actual purchase. Right now we need more blue bins in particular. Meryl met with Beck Torres but Becky wants (for a variety of reasons) to continue doing the ordering. However, bags and bins were ordered in a timely manner and no complications are anticipated. **DONE**

**C** - Gary will write an article on recyclable items for the town newsletter. **DONE**

**D** – Gary will order recycle container labels and some large posters of recyclable items should be ordered under the MRF advisory board grant. **DONE**

**E** - Gail will post on the website that Home Depot no longer accepts large fluorescent bulbs – only the compact ones **DONE**

**F** - Gary will call NLR (hazardous waste company) to come get batteries. **ON GOING**

4 – **New Business:** There was no new business. The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss bag distribution.

### 5 - Future action items:

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**B** - Gary will call NLR (hazardous waste company) to come get batteries.

**C** – A complaint was received regarding the textile box placement on Lot O-32. The location results in auto headlamps to frequently shine into an adjacent residence. The Select Board has decided to move it to the Highway Department but will first consult with Tim Hunting (Highway Dept. Superintendent) as to the exact location. Gary will follow-up with the SB and will remind them that it must be visible from the road. **ON-GOING**

### **D – BAG DISTRIBUTION**

#### **1) - Reminders**

- a) new members: please stop by the Town Hall to pick up a shed key.
- b) Pop-up canopy is in the shed in case of rain.
- c) LTS stickers through 6/30/23 are \$10 and through 6/30/24 are \$20.
- d) Don't leave a lot of cash in shed. Contact Meryl if more than \$200 on site to pick up cash.
- e) Remember to pick up any changes in occupancy data – especially for rentals.

**2) -** Meryl will get updated distribution book and new LTS stickers down to the shed before distribution begins.

**3) –** 4/26 and 5/6 distribution dates will be removed from the schedule. Gail will update the website and Gary will contact Janice Grey regarding the town newsletter.

**4) –** Steve will pick up new recycle bins from Greenfield.

**5) –** Steve, with Marla's help, will bring bag boxes to the Town Hall for the Annual Town Meeting on 6/3.

**6) –** Gary will update the book (no small task – thank you Gary!) before 4/29. Meryl will bring it to him on 4/25.

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**8** - Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.