

Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee November 30, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:10 pm Minutes by: Ron Essig

Attending Committee members: Gary Bernhard (Acting Chair), Nancy Dihlmann, Ron Essig, Gail Fleischaker, Meryl Mandell. This attendance represented a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous Committee meeting on 9/15/2010 were approved subject to minor edits that Meryl would send to Paul Vlach.

Old Business from Past Minutes (not below)

- Resident Survey - Consensus that no action needs to be taken at this time, but that survey results will provide baseline information for the future.
- Illegal dumping protocols – No report since Paul was unable to attend due to illness. Information from an upcoming 12/7/210 workshop might be useful for this purpose.

Bulky Waste Day (10/2/1010) Report

- Since the last meeting a receipt of approximately \$400 was received from Kanes for the scrap metals.
- Police overtime pay is still unknown.
- Many of the remaining questions will be addressed during a 12/3/2010 visit by Gary and Becky Torres to the Duseau facility.
- Gary recounted some reasons for continuing two Bulky Waste Days each year from the 11/30/2010 meeting. Potential overcrowding due to high volume in the spring was a primary concern. Potential illegal dumping during other times of the year was another.

Household Hazardous Waste Event in Amherst (9/25/2010)

- No report because the Committee volunteer at this event was not present at the meeting.
- There was a \$172 charge to Shutesbury from this event.
- There should be improved communication prior to the next event on which items can be accepted in Shutesbury instead.

Mandatory Recycling Enforcement

- Gary will check with Paul on attendance at a DEP workshop on 12/7/201

Home Composting

- The compost bins grant approval notice had not been received yet, but was expected

- Gary discussions with Arlene Miller resulted in preliminary plans for a home composting workshop to be conducted by Ann McGovern on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening in March 2011. Lorenzo might also be able to do one.
- A motion was passed giving Gary the Committee's approval to move ahead on scheduling composting events.
- Gary reported that composting at the elementary school has reduced weekly trash volume to only a small quantity of plastic bags.

New Business

- The Committee plans to investigate an advertisement on Craigslist for Town of Shutesbury trash bags for sale.

List of Items for Discussion with Selectboard (spawned from meeting discussion)

- Enforcement for non-recycling
- Highway Department pick up of items at curb of resident's properties
- Police overtime charges at Bulky Waste Day

Winter Trash Pickup on Steep Dirt Roads

- Meryl asked whether there should be a specific policy for roads that have been problematic in the past.
- Maybe a time period (12/15 – 3/15?) should be designated during which residents would always bring trash to collection points regardless of weather.
- Gary will bring this up at the 12/3/2010 meeting with Duseau.

Next Meeting - Not scheduled

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

These minutes were approved by the committee at their March 29, 2011 meeting. PAV