

Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee
April 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Meryl Mandell (Chair), Gary Bernhard (Recycling Coordinator), Nancy Dihlmann, Ron Essig, Gail Fleischaker, Peg Ross

Members Absent: Karen Czerwonka, Liz Lacy, Steve Rice

Start Time: 7:10 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the September 25, 2012 meeting were approved.

Free at the Side of the Road (FSR) Policy

- Gary explained the three cases of items being left on the side of the road that police need to investigate:
 - Left after residents move
 - Remain after FSR week and Bulky Waste Day (BWD)
 - Illegal dumping
- Gary will edit illegal dumping protocol that was drafted by Paul Vlach and will share it with the Committee for comment
- Subcommittee of Gary, Meryl and Peg will meet on this issue with:
 - Police Chief
 - Town Administrator
 - Highway Department Chief
 - Selectboard Member (if possible)
- Electronic forums not sponsored by the town (Neighborhood Shutesbury, eCricket) might be used for offering services (e.g., pickup truck) to bring items to BWD. Meryl offered to post a notice regarding BWD pickup on eCricket and Neighborhood Shutesbury.
- Gary will improve advertising of FSR and the need to remove them after BWD

Paper Shredding Event

- Gary arranged for Valley Green Shredders to be at the Farmers Market on June 15 since they were not available on BWD
- They shred material that they sell for a profit
- Donations for the Senior Center improvements will be suggested from participating residents

Trash Bag Distribution

- The schedule for Committee workers has been filled in well
- Bags are in the elementary school shed where most distribution will occur
- Landlords must inform the town to have their name entered into the distribution book if they don't want their tenants to pick up bags

Bulky Waste Day

- Gary will email potential volunteers and contact the Salvation Army regarding electronics and cloth recycling

- Meryl to place BWD signs around town the week before BWD
- CFCs items will be decommissioned and trash roll-offs removed the day of the event
- Gary will serve as yard boss
- Stop-Slow paddles for traffic control will be ordered under a grant

Other

- Grant funds will be used for recycling bins and compost bins
- Recycling bins will be given free to new residents
- The price of Shutesbury tote bags will be reduced from \$3 to \$2
- Meryl will contact the Town Administrator about inserting handouts from town committees into tote bags for distribution to new residents
- There is Committee support for another composting workshop
- Meryl will prepare a one-pager for the town annual report
- Idea for future Trash Talk: freezing waste dairy and meat products before placing in curbside trash to reduce attraction to animals
- No date set for next Committee meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Note taker: Ron Essig