

FINAL Meeting Minutes – Recycling and Solid Waste Committee (RSWC) – April 7, 2020

Attendees: Meryl Ann Mandell (Chair), Gary Bernhard (Recycling Coordinator), Ron Essig, Steve Rice, Gail Fleischaker, Sue Quigley, Marla Killough, Peg Ross, Ezzell Floranina

Absent: Liz Lacy

- 1) Meryl called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- 2) Minutes of February 12, 2020 were approved.
- 3) Zoom meetings: Following restrictions on meetings, meetings are by Zoom remote only. The public can attend by going to town calendar and meeting is posted, live link to meeting.
- 4) New Recycling Shed: The new shed has arrived. It needed assembly but has many problems – gaps in wood siding and floor, door is sagging and doesn't close correctly, bumps on roof from incompletely driving nails, etc. Intended to get paint job with same color as school with purple trim. Melissa and Elaine of Select Board will paint in the next few weeks. Paul Lyons offered to put up gutters around the top. Becky will be getting us a lock, masks and hand sanitizer.
- 5) Bulky Waste Day: There will be no Bulky Waste Day in June. We can't know now whether we can hold it in the fall. We'll hold it open for one in October.
- 6) Leverett Transfer Station: The take it or leave it is closed. Gary will talk to Annette at Leverett Transfer Station to confirm they are still taking electronics. Styrofoam goes in trash or save for later with disposal at BWD in fall if we hold one.
- 7) Trash bag distribution: New changes to the method will require two people at each distribution slot, 1 in new shed checking folks in/selling stickers, and 1 in the old shed making piles of 5 bags. New sheet for Leverett Transfer Station stickers will speed up process. We will be using social distancing practices. Gail has donated protective gloves.

Schedule for distribution: It was recommend to switch start date to Friday, May 1st. Gary will recirculate the schedule with date revisions for adding sign ups. Meryl will revise the trash bag distribution protocol. Signage for social distancing – Ezzell will make sign – 6 ft minimum separation. Gail will blow up the graphic. Gary will write up for the newsletter. Gary will email police to ask for more cones.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by Sue Quigley