

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015

PRESENT: Ellen Cabral, Chris Kowalski, and Bob Nugent
Pat Bracken; Chairman (absent)

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

Guests: Penny Williams, (Tri Town News), Selectman Lindquist

It was agreed that Ms. Cabral will act as Vice Chair in Mr. Bracken's absence tonight.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 8, 2015 were accepted with a motion by C. Kowalski and a second by E. Cabral and passed 3-0.

Old Business

Community Events- Ms. Cabral mentioned that she has spoken at a recent meeting of the Garden Club and also attended a meeting at the library about 2-3 weeks ago. The Garden Club is aware that composting is the mission and they are interested in spreading the word. At the library presentation about April 28th, they gave away a compost bin that was donated

Garbage Guerilla Day was held at the Central School. Ms. Cabral said that she attended the first session on April 22nd and there were 18 kids in that classroom participating. She said that it went well and that the kids were engaged in what was going on and each had a chance to participate. Mr. Nugent attended the afternoon session and said that there were a couple of classes in that one and not all the kids were able to be hands on. He stated that he spoke with a couple of teachers that were there to get their input and didn't get much other than that this was the appropriate age and that it probably wouldn't have worked as well if the kids were younger than third grade. Ms. Cabral mentioned that there were to be three classes and wondered why the one Mr. Nugent saw was so much larger. There was no feedback from the Central School as to their impression or input on the process. Ms. Cabral will email the principal, Mr. Collins to see if there was any response.

Mr. Kowalski stated that he attended the Garden Club meeting and that Ms. Cabral did a good job. He said that there was a lot of interest and knowledge on composting there. He suggested with the upcoming class on composting that they start with the basics, such as how to mix and use the black compost bin.

Household Hazardous Waste Day- There was a question as to how this will work. It should be discussed by the committee and maybe a site visit to see how it would work best.

NRRA Conference

Mr. Nugent will be attending on both days of the conference and Ms. Cabral will be attending on Monday, June 8th. Mr. Kowalski also completed the registration to attend on Monday, June 8th as well.

Compost Class

The class is scheduled at the library for Tuesday, May 19th from 7 pm to 8 pm. The compost bin, tablecloth and some bags need to be brought to the library prior to the class. Mr. Nugent stated that he had several types of kitchen pails that he could bring as samples. Ms. Cabral asked if a small spread of refreshments could be available.

Ms. Cabral motioned to purchase some refreshments for the class. Mr. Nugent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Cabral will get the refreshments.

New Business

Fiber Collection- Mr. Nugent made some calls to find options on fiber and found that there was no good feedback. He called the NRRA and spoke with Mike and he stated that he would help out. The price of cardboard is down and shipments to China are down and that currently recyclables were not paying well. There was discussion about maybe getting a container that cardboard could be put in flattened or "cardboard only" bins. It was suggested to ask Casella the cost of a 10 yard container with a small slit in it for cardboard. Maybe a toter could be used for the recycling at the garage and the dumpster for cardboard only. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:43 pm was made by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Nugent and passed 3-0.

NEXT MEETING

June 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Harrington,
Recording Secretary