

Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 19, 2021 5:00PM

Present: Co-Chair Jill Talladay, Co-Chair Carol Ewing, Mary Vilbon, Mike Smith, Abbi Santos

Guests: Tara Monroe, Dolores Boogdanian, Dan Horgan

Introduction of members and guests

Minutes: Approval of the minutes from the Dec. 8, 2020 meeting on HOLD until next meeting

Discussion with Selectman Dan Horgan:

- Pay as You Throw (PAYT) option for Yarmouth: reach out to Sandwich – Brewster, go to those towns to see how those towns are doing. Dan’s concerns were a large family size could be penalizing and illegal dumping issues
- Litter reduction at the source (Clean the Cape), recommends posting litter pickups on Social Media, Town Challenge for pick up, one day a month perhaps, to help reduce staff
 - Dan Horgan offered that signage reminder about MA General Law C85 SS36, perhaps the electronic sign from the police department could be used
 - Carol Ewing commented that she is frustrated with picking up roadside debris, requesting assistance to push back on those who do not cover loads.
 - Newsletter topic (litter control, recycling)
 - Mike Smith suggested that court or jail community service group to clean up.
- Dan Horgan asked about what happens to recycle material and how much it costs, this information should be made available to the public, a video might be a good solution, school education session, workshop,
- Plastic bag use update
 - Dan Horgan asked the committee to research biodegradable bags to be made available at Town Hall or at Disposal Area
 - Carol Ewing contacted Bruce Murphy about the use of plastic bags at Shaw’s, this is after Gov. Baker lifted the plastic bag restriction.
- Dan Horgan asked about the plastic ban (Carol pointed out that this article is being moved by Sustainable Practices petitioner...)
 - Dan suggests that the committee invite petitioner to attend a meeting to explain.
 - Dolores Boogdanian asked if water bottles might be added to the state returnable’s law, Carol Ewing commented that when including nips in the returnable’s law was considered, it failed.
 - Jeff Colby said there are 4 water filling stations are on the warrant to be voted.
- Student to join committee, community service credit. Dan will try to facilitate a connection with the schools.
- Composting to reduce waste

- Food waste: Carol Ewing referenced that 40 % of the waste stream consists of food. It would save the town money to divert food waste to composting.
 - Concerns: vermin
 - Possible anaerobic digester
- Mary Vilbon commented on what took place in her home town, food waste was brought by businesses to farm, turned around the compost to be sold the next season
- Dan Horgan asked how the cost was covered
- Mary followed up: recycle committee (Franklin County) determined the cost savings, and farmer was financially rewarded with the end product.
- Jill Talladay commented that Black Earth may be coming to Town's on the Cape.
- Jeff Colby provided an update on the anaerobic digester: along with Ed Senteio and Genesis who is seeking food waste feed stock, slowly progressing.
- Dan Horgan signed off at 5:45
- Dolores Boogdanian signed off at 5:50
- Mary Vilbon signed off at 5:49
- Polystyrene ban update
 - Jill commented that Dan Horgan had in another conversation that the RASWAC should take lead on the Polystyrene Ban By-Law
 - Jill Talladay asked if this article might be considered for the Fall Town Meeting, Jeff Colby suggested that either session (spring or Fall) might have room, deadline being January 26th for the Spring Town Meeting in April.
 - Jill motioned to postpone Polystyrene Ban By Law for the Fall Town Meeting, seconded by Carol Ewing, motion passed with unanimous vote from members present.

Questions for EL Harvey, video presentation

Roby Whitehouse to create list of questions and share with RASWAC group, for feedback.

RASWAC Meeting schedule 2021 is as follows. All meetings are held at 8:30AM.

February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Adjournment

Jill Talladay made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 seconded by Abbi Santos the motion moved unanimously the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Next meeting will take place on February 9th, 2021

