



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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### RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – June 11, 2019  
Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Mary Vilbon; Also in attendance: Roby Whitehouse, Laura Hayden and Jeff Colby.

#### **Minutes of Meeting:**

Minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved. Jill made the motion and Carol 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

#### **Canned Water:**

Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce is hosting a J-1 dinner and using canned water. The water is \$.44 per can. Hyannis Chamber used canned water for a Father's Day car show. All the Chambers have promoted using the canned water. Aluminum has a value at this time. Textura packs will be recyclable in the future. They are coated with wax.

#### **Polystyrene By-Law:**

Carol wrote up a draft Polystyrene By-Law. A copy is attached to these minutes. The schools are the biggest challenge right now. Dennis has a Polystyrene By-Law that was passed 2 years ago and the DY Schools have until 2020 to meet the goal. The schools don't think they can meet this goal. The DY schools have budget and equipment limitations. They have no dishwashers. It has been explained to the schools that reusing the trays and washing them is better for the environment than use the Polystyrene trays they are using now. There is DEP money for dishwashers but the deadline is June 12, 2019. They should apply for the grants regionally. The schools would need three dishwashers at \$50K a piece. What about compostable material for the trays, bowls and plates? What is the long term cost? The schools should be looking for opportunities for other grants and materials that are more sustainable. The schools just renewed their trash contract and they are not recycling. The draft by law should be given to Town Council for review. Mary will bring the subject up to the Chamber Board and Committees. We should make sure to add event managers to the list of people for the by law. Any events held in Yarmouth would be under the same Polystyrene by law as everyone else. Using cooperative purchasing for businesses for replacement products. Cape Ability and Community Connections uses cooperative purchasing now. The main message we want to get out is that Polystyrene is harmful to your health, especially since our children are eating off of it.

Timing for the By-Law; This Committee would like the By-Law to be on the Spring Town Meeting. The implementation could be later. We can give businesses time to let them know it is coming. We need a clearer line from talking to businesses and schools to implantation.

#### **Plastic Bottle Ban:**

Pat Armstrong was approached for a meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> from petitioners. The meeting will be 8:30-10:00am at the Recreation building. They will be discussing a plastic bottle ban at beaches and Golf Courses. Does RASWAC have a member that can go? RASWAC would like a formal invitation but yes Carol will attend.



**Waste Management Update:**

The Mills are full. Clean newspaper Yarmouth received \$75 per ton, clean metal Yarmouth receives \$165 per ton. Cardboard costs Yarmouth \$20 per ton, Mixed paper cost Yarmouth \$60 per ton, Magazines cost Yarmouth \$30 per ton, Ridged plastic costs Yarmouth \$115 per ton, Commingle Costs between \$90 and \$100 per ton. Dennis has agreed to take our Glass but only if they have a buyer. If Dennis does not have a buyer Yarmouth would have to pick the glass back up from Dennis and dispose of it with Yarmouth's commingle. Dennis will charge an annual buy in fee plus \$60 per ton. Roby has talked to other glass recycling companies. The glass could be used for sub layer pavement, sewer projects or building projects. A contaminated glass load will cost \$150 per ton. Maybe see if other towns join Dennis and once it is established then join in. We want to keep recycling streams consistent.

**Committee Vacancy update:**

Mike Smith is waiting to be approved and voted on by the Board of Selectman at their next meeting.

**Register Article:**

Kick off date for recycling art contest is June 19<sup>th</sup> at the South Yarmouth Library from 3:30-4:30pm. We will alert the schools to get the word out. Roby has created the next article. The cutoff date is July 5<sup>th</sup> to get to the Register?

**Take Care Cape Cod:**

There is a soft launch June 20<sup>th</sup> at Cape Air from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Jet Blue is using reusable water bottles. Cape Wide cleanup day is July 5<sup>th</sup>. [Takecarecapecod.org](http://Takecarecapecod.org)

**Next meeting dates:**

July 9, 2019 at 8:30am in Town Hall Room A (*Note meeting pushed back to July 16<sup>th</sup>*)

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:33 am.