



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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### RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – July 16, 2019

Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Mary Vilbon, Abbi Santos; Also in attendance: Roby Whitehouse, Laura Hayden and guest, Cathy from Cilcapecod.org, a Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled.

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

Minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved with one edit. Mary made the motion and Jill 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

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

Roby met with Dan Knapik about the Polystyrene ban. Dan suggested RASWAC speak to other committees in town and get their input. Try to pop into those other meetings, looking for support. Roby will send out an email asking if committees are interested. RASWAC approves of this approach. Are there any other committees or organizations we would like to get the word out to? We need to do some educational information, go to the Rotary and Chamber. Jill and Carol will talk to Dan and gather support from other committees.

The By-law will include polystyrene and counter parts. The schools are aware the by-law is coming. We need to gain input from the vendors who will be affected, accepting their input and feedback. There may be permitting issues. The Health Department is supportive of the By-law and wants it right way. The Health Dept. will enforce the by-law. Mary will survey the restaurants that have the biggest inventory, and then email blast out to all the other businesses. Roby will contact committees and send the draft. This committee will add Polystyrene to the annual update report given to the Board of Selectman. Cathy gave excellent feedback on ADA concerns with the by-law. Some people with disabilities need straws.

#### **Waste Management Update:**

Recycling costs continue to increase. We now receive \$80 per ton for Newspaper and metal we receive \$145.00 per ton. Mixed paper cost the Town \$60 per ton. Corrugated cardboard cost the Town \$15 per ton. Magazines now cost the town \$30 per ton and was free just six months ago. Commingle trash costs the town \$100 per ton. Roby is looking into glass. Freetown charges \$60 per ton, we haul it and they will take it with labels, caps and colored glass.

We are struggling to get loads off Cape; expensive equipment repairs. If we separate tin that is another load to haul off Cape. Roby wants to sit down with Barnstable and see how they are doing it. Barnstable changed to sorting separately overnight. We are exploring all options.

A new roll off truck is arriving today at 11:00am. Yarmouth Disposal will participate in the Touch a Truck in Dennis on July 27<sup>th</sup> at Mid Cape Home Centers with the new truck.

Three children showed up for the recycling art contest and two turned in art. Roby is extending the date and inviting the recreation department to get involved. The poster contest winners will have an opportunity to write a recycling article for the Register.



**Plastic Bottle Ban:**

Sustainable practices is the group working to ban plastic bottles being used or sold by municipalities. Jill, Carol and Pat met with the petitioners. They talked about the wording of the ban, implementation cost and educational outreach. Where will we place the water stations? Sustainable practices is not providing any alternatives. We need alternatives. Boxed and canned water are more available. Sustainable Practices is going to the Fall Town meeting to pass this ban and wants us to comply by 2020. Where is the funding coming from to pay for the water stations? What is the cost to our vendors; concession stands? This will affect the town revenue from these vendors. What is Dennis doing? How are other towns complying with this ban? Police and Fire need to be exempt. Jill and Carol will talk to Pat again.

**Next meeting dates:** August 13, 2019 at 8:30am

**Meeting adjourned** 9:37am