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RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – August 13, 2019
Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Mary Vilbon, Abbi Santos and Charlie Spooner. Also in attendance: Roby Whitehouse, Laura Hayden and Kari Parcell.

Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes were not available yet from the July meeting.

Plastic Bottle Ban:

We received an invitation with Sustainable Practices for August 28th. The petitioners are still collecting signatures for the Fall Town meeting. Researching where would the bottle refillable stations go and how would they be funded. Sustainable Practices, the petitioners do not care about this part. The Yarmouth Chamber is considering buying a water monster. It will hold 11,000 gallons and can be sponsored. The Chamber needs approval from the Town, maybe use tourism funding? Mary is working on getting people to bring their own refillable bottles. TD Bank gives out refillable bottles. Five out of nine towns passed the bottle ban with implementation by 2020. They did not account for emergencies. A few towns passed the ban as written. Dennis is working on their draft. Right now only one vendor accepts boxed water as a recyclable. This is a great idea but we need a solution that does not create more trash. This committee will ask Kari to meet with Pat Armstrong. Kari is meeting with Dennis to help with their proposal and implementation policy. The chamber of Commerce is taking a forward movement. How this ban effects vendors coming to town? Vendors at the beaches and events at the old drive in site and more. What is on a vendor event form? It is different for each event. Each one has their own separate form. This would be a burden on the event coordinator. The first step is making sure those using town property are aware of this. The Board of Health will have to know. Even if it is not a town event but people are using town properties this ban would effect. We will need education and outreach for this ban. 40-50% of plastic bottles are recycled now on Cape Cod compared to 8% worldwide. This would be a big burden for events in town. RASWAC wants the petitioners to do research and do diligence ahead of time.

Polystyrene By-Law:

Changes were made to the draft Bylaw to accommodate people with disabilities. Planning and Economic Development committees didn't understand polystyrene. They asked if we have done significant outreach to businesses this would effect. Jeff recommends talking to the Board of Selectman about this at the RASWAC annual review. Ask Linda D to get on the agenda. We can do outreach at the Chamber and get in the monthly newsletter. Many businesses are already proactive about polystyrene.

Register Article:

The recycling posters will be the next article. We hope to have many artists on each poster. The posters are not complete yet. For September, Carol will write about the plastic bottles. 40-50% of plastic is recycled on Cape. Focus on the great water you get out of the tap in Yarmouth. Don't need plastic for drinking.



Annual Report to Board of Selectman:

Polystyrene, poster contest, articles in the Yarmouth Register, goals and mission of RASWAC.

Waste Management Update:

Glass has not been moved to single recycling. Mixed paper now costs \$65 per ton, Cardboard cost \$20 per ton. We were getting \$88 for newspaper and now we are only getting \$60 per ton. Metal rebates are dropping. C&D is up from \$104 per ton to \$124 per ton. Proposing an increase to the Board of Selectman. Ed is working on a cost analysis. RASWAC supports the assessment of C&D. The leaf wall is no longer open. It is not a safe area. Right now we are keeping to a single stream. How are other communities handling single stream? Lots of storm debris. Wood chips have been removed to make space for more. Accepting resident only tornado debris for free until the Board of Selectman meeting tonight.

Other news:

Yarmouth Chamber is looking for a citizen of the year and Business of the year.

Next meeting dates: September 10, 2019 at 8:30am

Meeting adjourned: 9:40am