

Minutes of Meeting – September 10, 2019
Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

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

Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes from July and August were approved with small edits.

Membership:

- Mike Smith has not been to a meeting, responded or been sworn in. Jill and Carol will let Pam Barnes know we are down two committee members for posting.

Annual Report for Board of Selectman:

- The Board of Selectman recently decided to accept committee reports written, not necessary to give the report in person. Jill and Carol will ask Pam and Linda D to get on the BOS agenda after the Fall Town meeting.
- Items for annual report; Cost of solid waste increasing, Outreach events and workshops, including Chamber event at the Hampton Inn, Yarmouth Register Articles and poster contest. Polystyrene ban will also be in the annual report.
- Town meeting is October 29 and the ballot vote is November 5th. Will try for a November 19th Board of Selectman meeting to get on the agenda. A draft annual report will be available at the next RASWAC meeting.

Register Articles:

- Carol sent an article in but it did not get printed right away. Should come out this week.
- The contact for the Register, John is leaving the new contact is Brownwin.
- As articles are written they will be shared with Laura to get on the Town Facebook page.
- The next article will be on Polystyrene.
- Another article topic is recycling only stickers. We have sold over 600 recycling only stickers so far this year.
- Jill and Carol will interview Ronnie at the DY School who works in food services, DY says they are not using a lot of Polystyrene.
- Spot Light local Businesses that are doing a great job recycling like Sweet Tomatoes. Put a message in the end of the article asking businesses to let us know if they are doing a good job recycling and we can feature them next.

Waste Management:

- Signs are up for recycling with positive messages and positive feedback. Rates continue to rise, Miller is ready to do major increases. Containment levels are very high in the plastic. E. L. Harvey is still picking up, their rates are from \$95-\$100 per ton. The metal pile is high, the rates we receive are going down, we were receiving \$155-\$160 per ton and now we are only

getting \$125 per ton. Roby found a company to recycle books for the schools as they wanted to throw them away at the disposal area.

- The compactor that was down is now back up. The brand new 2020 Western Star is on its 3rd trip for repairs. All repairs are under warranty. The wheel rim was replaced and the leaking hydraulics were fixed.
- The 2018 generator has failed, working with National Grid to fix.
- Waste Works software package; working to email out statements invoices, saving paper and postage. Software piece is coming soon, ability to pay online eventually.
- Submitting Capital Request for replacement of the C&D wall and looking at replacing a pickup truck. The windows on the main building will be replaced soon using Capital money from last year.
- Looking into five cans being painted and sandblasted. Welding is happening after hours using overtime to maintain what we have.

Plastic Bottle Ban:

- Carol met with Sustainable Practices with Kari and Pat. Pat explained how the town has to follow procurement laws and time frames, asking to extend the time for compliance or move to the spring town meeting.
- Carol will meet with Sustainable Practices again tomorrow.
- Plastic bottle ban effects vendors at Town events, like the Seaside Festival, County Music event and more.

Polystyrene By-Law:

- Falmouth banned polystyrene including in the schools.
- Will present Polystyrene ban to the Board of Selectman at RASWAC's annual review.

Other news:

- Quarterly meeting today from 12-3pm for Cape & Island Solid Waste review. Roby, Carol and Kari to attend.
- Jill is not available for the November 12th RASWAC meeting due to Care Summit. This Committee decided to meet November 5th instead.
- Cape Cod Young Professionals (C.C.Y.P.) has an event September 19th at Hyannis Airport from 5:30pm-8:30pm and picked Care Cape Cod as its nonprofit to support

Next meeting dates: October 8th, 2019 at 8:30am in Town Hall Room A

Meeting adjourned: 9:30am