

Transfer Station and Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

Town Hall – Chenery Room

April 8, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Megan Sullivan, Barbara Meyer, Andrea Costello, Cheryl Dunlea, Rick Fink, Annette Wells

Also present: Robert Kennedy, Jr., Bob Ingram

Megan Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

February and March minutes were approved.

Revolving Fund

There is about \$5,000 in the Revolving Fund.

Plastic Reduction Initiative

Thank you to the committee for their support of this initiative. Andy has bags to give away at Town Meeting and at other events. She is meeting with MEMO 4/8 and the Board of Health on 4/9 (it would be up to the Board of Health to take on any enforcement of the Plastic Reduction Initiative). Andy has spoken at 4 Environmental Science classes at MHS and presented at the Middle School as well. Several HS students will staff an informational table at Shaws. We are in the home stretch and think we are ready!

Megan will give a Powerpoint presentation at Town Meeting. Assuming the initiative passes, the Medfield Plastic Reduction Initiative members will work with merchants in the fall as it would go into effect November 1.

Recycling Dividends

One of the permitted uses of the funds is to support a tool library. The Medfield Library has a tool library and to achieve another point on the 2019 RDP application, they need 30 items. It was moved and approved that we would recommend using the Recycling Dividends funds to support the tool library.

Organics

Andy has been working on a flyer that will be inserted in renewal mailings. She shared its current form. The flyer needs updating for current organics guidelines...e.g., food only: no tea bags or coffee filters... no “compostable” cups, plates, utensils. Hidden Acres Farm accepted our organics previously, but they are no longer taking organics from E.O.M.S., so E.O.M.S. is now trucking our organics to a farm closer to Boston. Our vendor now has a strict FOOD ONLY policy for collection.

After the May 11 Medfield Green Month day, Wills Hardware will be the source for composting equipment. This partnership will make equipment available at all times. Wills Hardware will carry bags, baskets and buckets with the Gamma seal lids. We will give them most/ some of our current inventory. They will price the equipment so it is not a loss for them. They are happy to partner with us and hopefully bring more customers into their store.

Swap

Bobby plans to meet with Mary Pat, Nancy, and Maurice to discuss the driveway swing-by/drop-off area.

April 20 is the first set-up date; May 1 opening date; ending sometime in September without being specific (Note: brochure designates the Swap as open “through September”).

Swap hopes for Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday police presence and 12 buckets with gravel to stabilize the canopies.

Medfield Green Month

The plans are as follows: **May 4** Electronix Redux/ Swap opens May 1

May 11 Composting, We will sell starter kits (green transport pail, kitchen scrap bucket, and old bags for \$15 for this one day, only. We will give kitchen scrap buckets at no cost.

May 18 Styrofoam. The day will cost at least \$700 (2 roll-offs). Hoping that Boston Building Resources can confirm for this date as well.

May 25 – Nothing scheduled for this day yet. Rick and Bob will discuss whether it makes sense to offer rain barrels.

Students

There are several students interested in working on recycling, composting projects in the schools and etc. Cheryl will check in with the new facilities director Amy Collieran to learn more about the town's systems and we will try to support the students if we can.

Public Space Recycling

The order for containers is in process.

Mattress Recycling Program

Utec provided a 2nd container so that they can pick up a higher volume load on their runs to Medfield. We are currently paying \$16 per piece + \$475 transportation.

We are getting a quote from Green Mattress Company....possibly in the neighborhood of \$12-\$13 per piece without transportation.

We are paying 50% of the mattress removal cost (last month 50% was \$700) from the Revolving Fund and planning to have a resolution on how to collect money for mattresses residents drop off for July 1st. Andy noted that if we don't have a way to pay for the program, we should consider ending it as it is very expensive.

Planning for New TS Stickers

The new sticker will cost \$100 for 2 years. New stickers processed online will have a processing fee of \$4.95. The suggestion was made that the costs related to getting the sticker online should be made public.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

This year's HHWD was a success with 244 cars (55 from Dover). The reuse person collected 160 gallons of used motor oil and a 55 gallon drum of paint.

Competitive Bidding

The town is close to finalizing an agreement for recycling with EL Harvey at \$70/ton.

PR/Communications Plan

We adopted a recycling logo with a heart designating Medfield's location.

Constant Contact has not responded; Annette will re-initiate.

Rick has some press releases to give to Bob. Rick will work on recycling tips to publish (not as frequently as weekly)--Facebook and Cable TV. Composting tips would be useful now. Rick also mentioned the idea of selling tee shirts with sequential Medfield TS stickers (mimicking the cars with annual Cape beach stickers arranged in a line).

RDP notes

Megan shared the Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) Worksheet. In order to get an RDP point, we will offer Backyard Composters at \$25. Repair events like Repair Cafe' or FixIt Clinics can use up to \$4,000 of RDP funds for logistics. We should be scouring the Swap for items that could be used at the library's Tool Library/Tool Library—suggestions included an ice cream maker and a ladder. Because the consortium allows Hazardous Waste pretty much continually, we can get the 2 points for having HHWD 6 times a year. We qualify as having 5 textile activities to get a textile point. Swap does not qualify for RDP points because it is not year-round, and Styrofoam with fewer than 6 collections a year also does not qualify. We do, however, get the 2 CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials) points because we offer on-going recycling of many other CHARM items.

Each RDP point is worth \$600 (The town has 3 years' worth of recycling dividends funds approximately \$18,000 available).

Committee Tasks Needing Committee Member Volunteers to Take Over:

Website Recommendations---Town has a website—needs suggestions

Survey Topics/Questions on Survey Monkey to Accompany New TS Stickers NOT THIS CYCLE

Previous surveys gave us information that people are willing to pay for mattress disposal, and that people wanted exploration of additional hours for the Transfer Station

Organics Brochure Andy, Cheryl

Organics Program TLC (see above)

Monthly Financials Report

Update TS Brochure—Recycling Guidelines, etc. Megan, Cheryl

Minutes (Barb has been doing)

Facebook Updates—Rick will do.....smart weekly recycling tips

Publicity—ongoing outreach, events, etc. Possibly Constant Contact

Medfield Green Month—run it and coordinate all parts (vendors, publicity....) Bob

Electronics Recycling Information...flyer where dispose of items....alternatives (e.g., Best Buy)

(Bobby to contact ElectronixRedux for Sat, May 1, 9:00-1:00)

SWAP Nancy & Mary Pat McSharry

Constant Contact - Annette

Logo—Andy & Annette

Transfer Station Sign—updates Barb

Professional Development Opportunities & Report

RDP Webinar 4/9; meeting in May...Braintree

Next Meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019 at 9:00.

Meeting adjourned.