

TSARC May 9th 2022

Committee Member	Present?
Jacqueline Alford	√ Chair
Chris Carlin	X
Andrea "Andy" Costello	√
Cheryl Dunlea	X
Nancy Irwin	√
Donna Knott	√
Barbara Meyer	√
Kimberly Schubert	X
Annette Wells	√
Maurice Goulet, DPW Director, Ex Officio	√
Robert Kennedy, Ex Officio	√
Kristine Trierweiler, Ex Officio	X

Also present: Ann Bowen, Nick Milano

Meeting opened remotely through Zoom at 9:04 and being recorded

1. Introductions

- **Next meeting:** Jackie and Donna chair
- **Future meetings:** July - Donna and Barbara
- **Follow-up note taker:** Barbara

2. Reviewed and approved the April minutes. Have quorum

3. TS Committee Initiatives

- A. **School Plan Update:** Jackie reported that the high school environmental club will be voting on new presidents this month and she will be meeting with one of the co-presidents this week to discuss the succession plan. The committee has discussed with Kerry Lynch the hope to have a more organized schedule for communication next school year and to continue offering service opportunities. Jackie and the National Honor Society advisor Beth Sancher will be meeting in September and Beth plans to pass information from the committee to students about service opportunities
- B. **Donation Bin Fees:** Nancy opened discussion about plans for the TS bins. There are 12 bins controlled by 6 vendors, 3 of which are for charities and are not charged. Bay State Textiles is charged \$0.05/pound at the TS and the schools and \$895 was received from the TS bin last year. CMRK pays \$1,000/bin and has 5 bins. The request was made to the Red Cross (Windward Trading) to increase the payment for their bin from \$500 to \$1,000 but they have said in a phone conversation with Cheryl that the increase would be challenging
- The committee decided to move ahead with charging all paying vendors \$1,000/bin to keep the fees equal. Nancy will send the bill to Windward Trading and if she hears from Cheryl that they do not agree to the fee Nancy will offer the bin to CMRK

- The committee discussed possibly moving the Bay State Textiles bin to the high school and replacing the bin with another one for CMRK. The \$1,000/bin fee would be more than the fee received last year from the Bay State Textiles bin and Jackie mentioned that she has learned from Bay State Textiles that the schools, especially at Dale Street, have been more successful locations for them than the TS. The high school has mentioned to Jackie that their bin is not in an ideal location. Jackie will contact them about if they would like to add a second bin and where a good location for it may be
 - The committee discussed adding another bin for Goodwill. Last year Goodwill collected 92,000 pounds of textiles while Epilepsy Foundation collected 6,000 pounds. The current non-profit bins are 2 for The Salvation Army, 1 for Goodwill, 2 for the Epilepsy Foundation and 1 for Bay State Textiles after last July changing Goodwill's bins from 2 to 1 and the Epilepsy Foundation's bins from 3 to 2. The committee decided to add a second bin for Goodwill from changing the Epilepsy Foundation's bins from 2 to 1
- C. **SWAP Area (Cleaning, opening, supplies):** Nancy reported that electricity has been connected to the SWAP and has been used for playing the radio and for residents to test electronics. The SWAP supplies needed have been bought so far for less than \$50 of the \$200 authorized last month and extension cords will be purchased. The SWAP area was cleaned by new volunteers, regular volunteers and scouts on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of one weekend in April. Two days of the following weekend were used to set up a carport tent and add a tarp to temporarily replace a tent that was missing poles. The cleaning was made easier from the TS staff having cleaned the tents out using a sidewalk sweeper before the April FOAM collection. There are about a dozen new volunteers for the SWAP in addition to the dozen regular volunteers and there will continue to be assistance from scouts and high school students as well. The SWAP opened Wednesday, May 4th on a rainy day and an orientation happened then for some new volunteers. The first Wednesday and Friday were slow but the first Saturday was extremely busy. Expecting the first few weeks to continue to be busy. Volunteers will especially be needed on Saturdays and from 2:00-4:00 each day for the end of day clean ups
- D. **Replacement trailer for donations & delivery:** Maurice reported that the mattress program will likely restart by July 1st and the mattress trailer will be moved by then to its previous location to the left of the fire department trailer. A credit card system needed for the program is now in place and the TS will know after town meeting whether two new part-time attendants can be hired. The attendants would be at the gate whenever the TS is open and there would no longer be a police detail. The committee will coordinate the new trailer delivery for after the current one is moved. Its location is undecided and will be determined when it arrives at the TS
- E. **Partner with MEMO Update:** Donna reported that MEMO supports the posters and she will be discussing the proposal with MEMO at one of their board meetings
- F. **Transfer Station Tour:** Donna reported that the tour through the library for kids in grades 2nd-5th is schedule for Thursday, May 19th and many kids have registered. Medfield TV and tentatively the Hometown Weekly will be at the tour

- G. **Foam Collection -- Fall Plans:** Jackie reported that the collection was successful. A lot of quality checking of dirty FOAM was done and the driver picking up the FOAM mentioned that the FOAM was very good quality. Some remaining mattress collection bags and some bags donated by a resident were used for FOAM that was not pre-bagged. The resident had originally brought FOAM in black bags but then drove to two stores to give \$50 worth of clear bags to the collection. There was strong interest from residents in having another collection and the committee hopes to hold another one in October after the SWAP closes
- H. **Spring Fair at UUC 4/30:** Jackie ran a table centered on composting that had TS brochures and kitchen food scrap baskets with liners and cards. She reported that many conversations happened and three compost bins have been reserved or sold of the 6 remaining bins (5 unopened bins and 1 bin that was returned and is missing instructions). Two people plan to buy a compost bin and one person brought a check to the fair and has picked up a bin. The committee decided to not order more bins and will work on selling the 3 remaining ones. Barbara will contact Wills to see if they would like to purchase two and Annette will contact the Medfield Garden Club to see if anyone would be interested in the last bin. Jackie will check whether the compost bin sold at the fair would qualify for Recycling Dividends points

5. Transfer Station Operations

- A. **TS Stickers (2021-2022) - Counts and Fees:** Will be reported next month
- B. **Recycling Dividends and Revolving Funds:** Will be reported next month

6. Topics for Constant Contact Newsletter for May

- Information about the Medfield Public Library's unusual items collection; information about a possible FOAM collection in the fall with guidelines for how to prepare; recycling tips on how to dispose of used contact lenses, the quick process for making new aluminum cans from old ones, and the benefits of recycling textiles; update about hoping to collect plastic bags and plastic film at the TS again soon; information about the on-going organics collection and only adding compostable bags not plastic bags or boxes to the totes; the flyer for the May 19th TOMCAP Interactive Workshop; guidelines for using the SWAP and how to volunteer; information about the TS trailer; May and June transfer station hours

7. Reports:

- A. **Sustainable Medfield:** Jackie reported that the next quarterly meeting for groups in town to exchange information will be happening in June at the Medfield Public Library. Sustainable Medfield is planning to have a presence at the upcoming Cultural Alliance of Medfield CAM JAM concerts happening at Bellforge and is working on developing an EV portion for the car show happening at the end of June at the Medfield State Hospital. Sustainable Medfield is continuing to work on connecting with more groups and individuals in town and is always looking for new ACTIONS to be written on any topic

8. Additional Topics

- A. **Discuss TSARC budget spending items:** Jackie reported that the Big Belly compactor is expected to ship by mid-June. May discuss with Parks and Recreation having a compactor at Metacomet Park if the compactor to be added to North Street works out well
- B. **Use of grant funds:** Will be discussed further next month
- C. **TS Online Brochure:** Barbara reported that the edits to the brochure have not yet been incorporated online. Will discuss next month the option of the committee editing the document to help with the steps needed for posting it
- D. **Zoom or online for next month:** Voted to try having a hybrid meeting next month
- E. **Rain Barrels:** Annette opened discussion about whether meeting the 24 barrel minimum needed to order from the Great American Rain Barrel Company would be possible. Placing the order would involve the company setting up a section on their website with the sale date and time for residents to place orders and the company would then hand out the barrels to residents on the date of delivery. Several options for offering rain barrels to residents were considered. Residents could be asked to contact the committee if interested to gauge whether the minimum could be met. The committee could also purchase enough barrels to meet the minimum and sell them later on if enough storage space could be found. Additionally, the rain barrels could be promoted for residents to purchase on their own rather than the committee placing an order, such as through the committee creating and promoting an ACTION on the Sustainable Medfield website about rain barrels. Annette will continue to research what would happen if the committee sets up and promotes a sale date but not enough orders are received. Andy will confirm that rain barrels would not count for Recycling Dividends points
- F. **Bottle/Can Walpole Redemption Center:** Bobby reported that construction on the road near the center has made it a difficult area to access. Having a waste stream that would be ideal for the center is currently a challenge due to lack of sorting. Hoping to restart the collection in July at the start of the fiscal year and the bottles and cans have been stored in the meantime
- G. **Plastic Bags and Film:** The collection will be restarting at the TS soon

9. Next TSARC meeting set for Monday, June 13th at 9:00am via Zoom. Adjourned 10:43