

TSARC July 11th 2022

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

Also present: Nick Milano

Meeting opened remotely through Zoom at 9:05 and being recorded.

1. Introductions

- **Next meeting:** Barbara and Annette
- **Future meetings:** September - Cheryl and Chris, October - Chris and Annette, November - Cheryl and Andy, December - Andy and Nancy, January - Nancy and Jackie, February - Jackie and Donna
- **Follow-up note taker:** Barbara

2. Reviewed and approved the June minutes. Have quorum.

3. TS Committee Initiatives

Chris

- **Transfer Station Operations:** Not discussed this month.

Andy

- **Medfield Day Booth:** Barbara reported that Andy will confirm with Tracey that the check for the booth payment has been written.
- **Eagle container:** Donna reported for Andy that the container will be delivered to the TS on Thursday, July 14th. A TSARC member will be present for the delivery and Nancy has forwarded information about the delivery to Johnny. The Eagle container will now be used for mattresses and the current container will continue to be used for household goods.
- **Plastic bag signs at compactors:** Not discussed this meeting.

- **Website version of TS brochure:** Donna reported that Andy will work on organizing the project with Wendy Wirsig. Barbara mentioned that the committee had previously paid Wendy Wirsig for doing similar work.
- **Recycling Dividends:**
 - Committee members will continue to review the grant guidelines sent by Andy last month to see how their focus areas can be planned to fit within the Recycling Dividends parameters. Donna suggested that the committee could try to do more with education. Barbara mentioned that the guidelines become tighter each year and more may be required in future years to meet the requirements for any points pursued. New guidelines will likely be available late this year or early next year.
 - Donna reported for Andy that the committee should be slow about further spending until receiving updated budget information. The committee is expecting to receive \$5,000 from this year's grant submission but it will likely not arrive until late this year or early next year.

Annette

- **Constant Contact July Newsletter items:** Information about Massachusetts' anti-idling law; information and pictures highlighting the Bocce Balls game, the Power Steam Wallpaper Remover and the Pottery Wheel from the Medfield Public Library's Library of Tools; information about a possible foam collection in the fall with guidelines for how to prepare and for how to bring foam anytime to Insulation Technology Inc.; recycling tips on different types of sunscreen containers and on plastic bag recycling at the TS with information about plasticfreejuly.org; the September 17th Blessed Sacrament School Electronics Collection; information about items not accepted at the SWAP and how to volunteer there or donate supplies; recommendation to turn A/C off or up a few degrees when on vacation; July and August TS hours with information about the TS remaining open on Wednesdays until 7:00 p.m. and opening on Fridays at 7:30 a.m.
- **Constant Contact:** Annette reported that the open rate for last month's newsletter was the highest it has ever been, over 70% rather than in the 60s. The time for sending the newsletter was changed to 5:00pm two months ago and the new time seems to be working better.

Donna

- **TerraCycle Zero Waste Boxes for Medfield Day??:** Donna reported that the 11"x11"x20" box costs \$113 and the 11"x11"x40" box costs \$207. Anything placed in the boxes and shipped to TerraCycle will be recycled. A box may be used for a raffle at Medfield Day to help spread information about TerraCycle. Discussion about the box will continue at next month's meeting when more may be known about the committee's budget.
- **Crayon Recycling with the Library??:** Donna reported that the library would be interested in doing a trial collection this fall. The committee may expand the collection to the schools depending on its success and the shipping costs. Donna will determine the price of the largest Priority Mail Flat Rate box to help estimate the cost.
- **New Signage for TS??:** Donna opened discussion about changing the signs on the recycling compactors. Items that cannot be recycled have been added to the compactors and changing

the signs may help draw more attention to what can and cannot be recycled. Donna will research the cost of signs to replace the current magnetic ones.

- **TS Welcome letter for new homeowners??:** Jackie reported that she and Katie through Sustainable Medfield are working on creating an updated version of the welcome letter for realtors to give to new residents. Planning to shorten the two page letter, describe the expanded environmental resources in town and for residents to receive it around 30 days after moving in rather than immediately. Hoping eventually to create information as well to help residents with sustainably moving out of town.
- **TS Tour for NNT:** Donna reported that New N Towne is interested in having a tour of the TS. She will work on organizing a tour for the fall. The tour organized for kids through the Medfield Public Library recently was successful; Donna gave Johnny and Bobby pictures and thank you notes from the kids.

Barb

- **Print and laminate 5 signs/guidelines for the compost totes:** Barbara reported that she plans to wait to replace the signs until a more ideal time for working on them at DPW. Jackie and possibly a few students will work on creating a new design for the signs using Canva to help draw more attention to the information.

Jackie

- **Big Belly solar compactor update:** Jackie reported that the delivery of the compactor is now expected for August due to supply chain delays. The status of the payment for the compactor will be confirmed with Maurice.
- **October foam collection:** Jackie reported that planning is underway for the date of the collection; the collection will again be done through Insulation Technology, Inc.

Nancy

- **SWAP:** Nancy asked for information to be included in Constant Contact about bringing TVs and computer monitors to Best Buy for free recycling rather than to the SWAP. Some foam coolers and pieces of foam packed with items have shown up at the SWAP and are being stored for the next foam collection.
- **Report to Selectmen:** Nancy reported that work on the report covering what the committee has done during the past year from July 1st through June 30th is ongoing.

Reports/Additional Topics

- **Institute of Contemporary Art Exhibit:** Donna mentioned that the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston has a display about radical recycling that features artists using recycled products. Information about it may be included in Constant Contact.
- **Mattress Collection:** Annette reported that a few more steps will need to happen before the TS can restart the mattress collection, such as hiring two new part-time attendants to collect money for mattresses at the TS gate. Mattress collection in Massachusetts may be affected by a fire in early July at Green Mattress Recycling in Milford.

- **Electronics Recycling:** Jackie mentioned that she has been asked through the TSARC Facebook page about the next electronics collection. The date of the next collection is undecided and will be determined by the DPW. Nancy mentioned that the Blessed Sacrament School in Walpole will have a collection in September. Information about it will be included in Constant Contact.
- **TS Compactor:** The committee confirmed with Nick that no action has been taken related to adding a third compactor to the TS. A compactor was not included in the town capital budget for this year and has not be purchased through the Recycling Dividends.
- **Schools:** Jackie reported that new officers have been elected for the high school environmental club. The committee will work on continuing to build collaboration with the club in the fall. Jackie mentioned that the club is interested in running a Bay State Textiles bin separate from the current school bins. The bin would be an opportunity for the students to be responsible for a bin, to see the poundage collected and to raise money for the club. Bay State Textiles has confirmed that setting up a bin separate from the ones for the parent teacher organization would be feasible so long as the bins are not next to each other. Jackie will look into who in the school department would need to approve the bin.
- **Anti-idling:** Jackie reported that she plans to continue to work with students on anti-idling. Information about idling will be included in Constant Contact.
- **Rain Barrels:** Annette reported that more has not been learned from the Great American Rain Barrel company about what would happen if the committee does not sell the 24 barrel quota for placing an order.
- **Trash and Recycling at the Gazebo:** Donna mentioned that the trash and recycling barrels in the park by the Medfield Public Library have been overflowing at the MEMO summer concerts and that staff and visitors at the library have noticed the barrels overflowing frequently. Jackie will confirm that the area is managed by Parks and Recreation and contact MEMO to discuss how the issue could be addressed.

Next TSARC meeting set for Monday, August 8th at 9:00am via Zoom. Adjourned 10:22.