

TSARC February 8th 2021

Attendance: Jackie Alford and Andy Costello, co-chairs for February, Chris Carlin, Barbara Meyer, Megan Sullivan, Annette Wells

Also present: Nick Milano

Meeting opened remotely through Zoom and being recorded

1. Reviewed and approved January minutes without changes, have quorum
2. Committee Chair/Organization
  - **Next chairs:** March - Andy and Cheryl; April - Cheryl and Nancy; May – Nancy and Barbara; June – Barbara and Annette.
  - **Follow-up note taker:** Andy
  - A spreadsheet was created and added to the TSARC Google Drive that describes co-chairs' responsibilities and lists subject areas of responsibility that members can volunteer to lead
3. TS Committee Initiatives
  - A) **Donation Bins/Trailer at Transfer Station:**
    - References for CMRK were called by Nancy and Jackie and received good reviews. Megan had offered 6 bins and providing the trailer to CMRK but CMRK would still like to service all 12 bins and is offering Medfield, as they have with other towns, to pay more than other vendors. CMRK would come as often as needed and accept everything but furniture, allowing the SWAP to someday open, but Good Will, Epilepsy and Salvation Army would be cut out of receiving textiles.
    - Committee decided would be open to moving forward with entering into a service agreement with CMRK and may start with one for the duration of the SWAP season. Megan will create a comparison of the outcomes of operating the bins through CMRK verses in the current situation for next month to help finalize the decision.
    - CMRK could label bins with charities and/or Medfield schools and money would be given to these groups based on the amount of textiles received. Megan will ask about what charities besides St. Vincent De Paul and Hand Me Downs could be on the bins.
  - B) **Styrofoam:** Collection happening March 6th. Many students helped with the February 6th Bay State textile collection and will ask again for student volunteers
  - C) **SWAP & Curb Alerts:** Curb alerts continued to happen weekly until the weekend of February 20th and were then postponed until warmer weather. Planning to not open the SWAP until vaccinations have become widespread and will revisit the decision next month.
  - D) **Report on Schools:** Determining a lead contact for each of the schools hasn't been possible amid challenges the schools are facing during COVID-19. Megan, Hilli Passas and Jackie gave an overview at a meeting of the high school environmental club on February 8th of environmental work happening in town such as upcoming TS collections and the community choice aggregation and net zero goal warrant articles. Focused on what concrete tasks can be done such as posters/sending emails/social media posts to help with the different initiatives.
  - E) **Presentations**
    - Barbara attended a meeting the previous week on recycling amid towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Groton has a machine for glass recycling at their TS and a glass recycling facility will be opening in Middleborough. Other topics included color coded bags related to the Recycling IQ kit, kiosks, methods for helping with wait times to get into the TS and latex paint mixed into DPW white and DPW grey sold for individual or town use in Holyoke.

- Talking Trash & Recycling Presentation: Run for individuals the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm and ones for groups that are customized to how trash is managed in town can be run anytime Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 8:00pm. Chris attended an individual presentation on February 11th. Annette will suggest the program through Constant Contact to see if the 20 people minimum for group presentations can be gathered.

#### 4. Transfer Station Operations

- A) **Electronics Collection - January 30th:** Donna has not yet received information on the quantity collected but only one of the two trucks was near to filling by the end of the collection
- B) **TS Stickers (2021-2022):** 25 total for January with 28 replacements - 12 first stickers, 9 second stickers, and 4 third stickers
- C) **Updates for Brochure/Handout for TS:** Revisions completed and Megan will follow up on the status of updates to the website
- D) **Pay as you Throw:** Will be discussed more at the March meeting
- E) **Food Composting:** New laminated info sheets will be added to the bins
- F) **Mattress Collection:** Hope to resume in the fall

#### 5. Funds

- Revolving fund at \$3,731.46 and will be receiving additional funds from 5,240 pounds of textiles dropped off during the Bay State Collection on January 9th at \$0.05/pound
- Recycling Dividends remains at \$25,828
- Megan will train Andy on how to manage the revolving fund information.

#### 6. Topics for Constant Contact Newsletter for February:

- Information about backyard composting and how shredded paper can be included; March 6th Styrofoam collection; March 20th household goods and textile collection; pause on curb alerts until warmer weather; Keep America Beautiful presentation; request to not idle; transfer station hours; organizations accepting household items (Vietnam Veterans of America, Big Brother Big Sister, Habitat for Humanity, New Life Furniture Bank); and the need for new TSARC members

#### 7. Reports

- Sustainable Medfield - Officially part of the Medfield Foundation. Their website will be used to help share information in one place from environmental groups in town and will discuss next month the process for TSARC to add content. Next meeting will be March 10th at 2:00pm.

#### 8. Additional Topics

- The Bay State bins in town received 8,000+ pounds during December with busiest bin at Dale Street

#### 9. Next TSARC meeting set for Monday, March 8th at 9:00am via Zoom. Adjourned around 10:15.