

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday 2/5/19, 7:00 pm

Present: Brenda, Janice, Katie, Andy, Steve J (aka Stucky), Steve C.

Guest: Tom Belyea from Advisory Committee

1. DPW Liaison – Randy is not here and did not respond to Brenda’s request for 2018 waste & recycling data, so no discussion
  - a) Updates from the Transfer Station – a load of plastic bags was rejected due to contamination. Education about that is needed.
  - b) Recycling Dividend Point Program for 2019 - Brenda distributed handouts, Randy needs to complete the form by June, money arrives in September.
2. Next steps socializing/educating about the bag bylaw:
  - a) Tom Belyea from AdCom – our committee is invited to present to Selectmen Tuesday 2/12 and Advisory on 2/14. In 2015, AdCom was concerned about impact of ban on small business community. Tom’s been asked to make comments to the AdCom. Andy & Stucky will do the presentation to the Selectmen on 2/12, Andy will present to Advisory on 2/14 and to Girls Scouts on 2/13. Andy will present to town democratic committee. Katie is going to go to Congregational church to talk to them along with speaker from New England Aquarium on Sunday 2/9/19. We have 3 public meetings scheduled, Tuesday 2/12 at Town Hall (Janice & Brenda will present, and Thursday 2/14 at Library, and 2/21 at Town Hall (Katie will present).
  - b) Review roadmap – Andy will update with new info, meeting dates, published articles including article in Hingham Anchor. There were a few inaccuracies in the Hingham Anchor article, Andy will reach out to Carol Britton Meyer to correct the language about the waiver issue. Plan for 3 future newspaper articles: 1) general explanation about the bylaw; (Stucky will write) 2) what fellow other towns are doing bans, might also want to mention ban working its way through MA State House (Katie will do this mid-March or so). 3) how to use reusable bags, keep them clean, etc. Brenda will do this beginning of April. Harbor Media – waiting to schedule an interview with Andy and HHS green team students in March. Waiting to hear back from Sarah Cassidy about hosting an event at the school at night to show the Plastic Ocean for students and parents. WATD – Stan Blackmur has a show, Andy spoke to MaryAnn Blackmur about this. Andy will reach out to them to do an interview in March / April. Town Republican committee meeting tentatively scheduled for 3/5.
  - c) #1 New CGH Listerve – need to sign up for new list serve – Andy will send out instructions how to do that. #2 Kate Richardsson in IT set up email distribution group so that if anyone emails cleaner-greener@hingham-ma.gov, it will go to our entire committee. When responding, be sure to cc [cleaner-greener@hingham-ma.gov](mailto:cleaner-greener@hingham-ma.gov) so emails will be archived per town policy. Brenda will be the point of contact for this but we’ll all be on the distribution list.
  - d) Survey will be ready tomorrow. Town has a survey tool. First survey collected 100 responses – Andy will download and give to Tom Belyea for him to share with AdCom.
  - e) Bag ban bylaw has been posted on town’s TOWN MEETING page, it is item “U”
  - f) Discussion of materials to be posted on CGH webpage - Bylaw, link to Hingham Journal articles, how to find out more info, the date of town meeting, the survey, the link to the

- article on Hingham Anchor, the date of public meetings, link to MassGreen.org page that shows how many towns have passed bans (or Sierra Club, MA), any new materials we create
- g) Review slide deck to be used in presentations about the bag bylaw (will be sent out in advance)
  - h) Confirm next public meeting, date and time, how to publicize. Katie will set this up.
  - i) Promoting the online survey – Andy will promote survey on Social Media.
  - j) Prepare for presentations to BoS and Advisory Committee: Andy will send slides out.
  - k) Brenda reached out to the food pantry to assess impact and problem solving around food delivery for shut ins. They have been using plastic bags for this. Perhaps we need to seek grant to fund cost of buying reusable bags, or maybe the Food Pantry can get a waiver?
3. Annual Report:
- a) Committee goals for 2019: discussion included possibly adding food waste collection for off-site composting.
  - b) Discussed comments and edits to draft
4. Community Outreach/Education:
- a) Suggestions for recycling, waste reduction, and sustainability ideas for Green Tip of the week Facebook posts – we did not discuss this.
  - b) Update re demonstration boxes at Transfer Station – Steve J is waiting to hear back from Eagle Scout.
5. Household hazardous day is May 4
6. Taste of Hingham on 5-18-19. We can have a table for Free. Location is TBD. Maybe they will do a one day food waste collection.
7. Approval of Minutes from 1/15 and 1/29 meetings

Next meeting date: 2/26/19

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice McPhillips