

## Minutes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday 2/26/19, 7:00 pm

Town Hall

In attendance: Stucky/Andy/Steve/Brenda/David/Katie, Randy (DPW)

1. DPW Liaison:
  - a) Review and discuss 2018 Transfer Station waste and recycling data
    - a. Questions from Committee
      - i. Brenda -- question on income sticker revenue → Randy reviewing numbers
      - ii. Brenda -- question on residential total → Randy reviewing number
      - iii. David -- clarification on “fee” → Randy explained that is Gilbert’s payment t
      - iv. Efforts to promote stickers worked
      - v. David -- what accounts for the difference in recycling tonnage → Randy: that incorporates all of the above lines. Bush was very high this year which is why there is an increase.
      - vi. Stucky: what determines what makes paper unrecyclable? Randy: mostly food, some plastic. Windows in an envelope that is ok.
      - vii. Brenda: Are we still getting paid for cardboard/metals/automobile/batteries/rigid plastic/textiles
      - viii. Brenda: Does Discover Books (our new vendor) pay? Randy: they are supposed to be but the transition has been tough.
      - ix. Stucky: Are there any new recycling coming online? Randy: not that I have heard
      - x. David: Clothing tonnage is down but revenue about the same → Randy: 3:1 vendors now paying us.
    - b) Updates from the Transfer Station
      - a. Capital Paper no longer recycling plastic bags
      - b. We continue to collect to keep them out of the trash
      - c. Brenda: Would Trecks want them? Randy: will ask but not if it costs money. Brenda to send contact info to Randy  
Stucky: Tomra is vendor who picks up plastic bags at Stop and Shop
      - d. Just bought a new container for the Swap Shop
      - e. Got a call from the *Boston Globe* re: Swap Shop story
    - c) Recycling Dividend Point Program for 2019
      - a. On target for a reasonable amount of points for this year
  2. Next steps socializing/educating about the bag bylaw
    - a) Review roadmap and next steps
      - a. Make sure that we are promoting bag ban and reusable bags
      - b. Republican Caucus (Andy) TBD
    - b) Journal articles to be submitted

- a. Katie → write article for Journal on neighboring town effect (March)
- c) Harbor Media
  - a. To be scheduled in March
- d) Discussion –materials to be posted on CGH webpage  
*Andy to get this done by end of next week*
  - a. Edited bylaw with comment from Advisory
  - b. Upcoming event
  - c. slide deck
  - d. Plastic Ocean deck
- e) Promoting the online survey?
  - a. No longer needed
- f) Movie
  - a. committee voted for date of Tuesday 4/9
  - b. Provide information on the bag ban
  - c. Plastic Ocean supplies educational materials
  - d. Engage high School Green Teams
  - e. Groups where we socialized the bag ban
- g) Other?
  - a. Plastic Free April -- Green Teams  
East is interested  
Andy and Stucky to talk to Middle/High School/Plymouth River/South/Foster

### 3. Community Outreach/Education

- a) Planning for town-wide Clean Up Day 4/7
  - a. Steve and Katie P to head it up
  - b. Steve and Katie to make planning document
  - c. Library cart is reserved
- b) HHW Day 5/4
  - a. *Need to determine from Committee members who can attend?*
  - b. Brenda will submit article on Household Hazardous Waste day
- c) Taste of Hingham 5/18
  - a. Table for free!
  - b. Provide information to residents around recycling
  - c. Committee Attending: Katie
  - d. Look into the Board of Health for public food serving
- d) Suggestions for recycling, waste reduction, and sustainability ideas for Green Tip of the week Facebook posts
  - a. Janice to supply next item
- e) Update re demonstration boxes at Transfer Station
  - a. Stucky → Eagle Scout is in process
- f) Other?

### 4. Updates from MA DEP and SSRC

- a. SSRC is continuing to have discussions on position paper on plastic bags
- b. Stucky: wants clarification on if the fuel portion of plastic impact is included in the carbon impact

5. Approval of Minutes of 2/5/19, 2/12/19 and 2/14/19 meetings
6. Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hrs. in advance

Next meeting date: March / April ?