

## Meeting Minutes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Wednesday May 11th, 2022, 7:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Janice McPhillips/Maria Zade/Katie Gallacher/Mark Engel

Apologies: Alyson Anderson

Guest: Brianna Bennett

### 1. Water Bottle Update

The information that Mark put together about different hydration station options has been sent to Russ Tierney at Weir River Water Company, but no response to date. We need a budget from them in order to move forward with this project.

Next step is to show the documentary 'Divide in Concord' at a community event.

**Action: Maria** to look into places to hold the event.

Janice is planning to meet with Katie Hartman, Custodial and Maintenance Supervisor at HPS to discuss restarting the recycling and composting efforts at HPS that were suspended due to Covid. **Action: Maria** to ask Kim Smith, Food Service Director at HPS, about alternatives to selling plastic water bottles at HPS

### 2. Climate Action Plan Committee Update

CAPC has created a survey to gauge public support of the different issues related to Hingham's CAP and to ask members of the community to provide feedback on their priorities relating to climate change at a Municipal level. Maria asked if the committee could help to promote this in the community **Action: Maria** to send the survey to the committee once it has been finalized

### 3. Clothing Swap Planning

The town gets 1 RDP point for running 6 textile recycling activities per year. Decided to start with a women's Spring/Summer clothes/shoes/accessories swap. Maria spoke to Wray Clifford at Hingham Community Center (HCC) who said that we can use their Ballroom to host this event and use the HCC for collection and storage without charge. Wray just asked that we put up a poster to ask that people attending the event give a donation to HCC, if they are able. Planning for early June 2022, with a collection period of 2 weeks before the event date. Suggested timings are 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening, if possible, to allow the maximum number of attendees. Could use Taylor Rentals or ask South Shore Country Club if we could borrow coat racks to display clothing. Giving people a 'save the date/heads up' on social media might maximize the number of donations/attendees. Will advertise event on local town social media pages, churches, DOVE, Horizons for Homeless Children. **Action: Maria** to speak to Wray to

confirm final details and then promote in the community. **Action: Committee** to think of a catchy name for the event

4. HMLP Composting Initiative

Brianna Bennett (Sustainability Coordinator at Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, HMLP) attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Food Scrap Recycling program that HMLP are planning on piloting. In order to start at Stage 1 (on-site composting for HMLP employees) they would need to get a New Age composter from the DPW costing \$25 - Janice suggested getting 2 composters; one for food and one for straw/leaves. Janice will go to HMLP to set up the bin and run education programs for the employees. If it continues through to Stage 2 as planned, the town could get 2 RDP points for a community pick up of food waste from a municipally owned site. Going forward we could write a SMRP grant to get money from MassDEP to run the program once there is a community drop off food waste program. **Action: Maria** to send RDP information to Brianna

5. Household Hazardous Waste Day

Katie is attending this event from 8:45-11:00am. Maria has posted in the various town pages to advertise the event

6. Calendar of Monthly Events

May - Hazardous Waste Collection organized by South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) **Actions: Katie** (see above)

May - Janice and Maria to attend the Hingham Farmers Market to promote DPW compost bins and provide information/help with composting to the public

June - potential Clothing Swap tbc

7. Items not reasonably anticipated 48hrs in advance

Ed Bartholomew raised concerns to Janice about the number of cars idling at the TS. We discussed this issue and decided that more signs at the TS would not be helpful in this instance. The committee also discussed the idling at school pick up times - despite existing 'no idling' signs. **Action: Janice** to discuss the idea of the school Green Teams giving out 'tickets' at pick up time for drivers who are idling.

Maria met 2 people at the EcoFeat event who might be potential new committee members and were going to hand in completed Talent Bank forms to the Town Hall.

8. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

Alyson contacted HHS about holding a Community Repair Event but there wasn't much enthusiasm.

Action: Janice to review/complete the Bag Ban section of the Handbook

Action: Janice to research the Better Bottle Bill and relay and information back to the committee.

9. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 5th April 2022 meeting were approved

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th 2022 at 7pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Katie Gallacher