

Meeting Minutes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday May 18th, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Andy Ayer/Janice McPhillips/Christine Nielsen/Maria Zade/Stephen Jiranek/Katie Gallacher

Absent: Pete Stathopoulos/Katie Puzo/Alyson Anderson/David White

Guests: Mark Buonagurio

1. Transfer Station (TS) Updates

1. *Update Compost Bin Program*

Janice ran the composting workshop via Zoom on April 29th - 13 people attended. Since then Janice has done 3 housecalls as follow up requests by attendees. Harbor Media is going to edit the presentation and will be showing it on their channel. It will also be made available to view via a link on the DPW website and potentially the CGH homepage too. The DPW has sold all 21 bins from the first delivery and ordered a further 40 more bins, 20 of which have already been reserved. There is currently a delay expected in receiving the next delivery of bins due to a supply problem. There are no dates set for the information stall to be manned by CGH at the Hingham Farmers Market **Action: Janice** to provide information to the committee regarding sign up for dates as soon as available

The TS may reopen the Swap Shop in June. There may be an electrical substation installed at the TS where the donation containers are currently housed - meaning these need to be relocated or removed. Potential for the 'clear plastic' (for example milk containers) to be separated from the rest of the plastic in order for it to be sold separately for a profit (unlike rest of plastic that town has to pay to recycle)

2. Subcommittee Updates

a. *Bylaw/Reg Review (David, Katie P, Maria)*

PAYT - Tabled - new pay system proposed by Randy will be rolled out shortly and then can reassess

b. *Community Outreach (Andy, Janice)*

CGH webpage - Katie G was again asked to delay her report on this to the June meeting.

Outstanding item - Map of the TS not on the CGH website. **Action: David** to update the TS map and send it to Janice.

c. *Education (Andy, Chris)*

Harbor Media videos - currently ongoing project.

d. *Events (Chris, Katie P)*

Clean Up Day - Chris gave her report on this successful community event that took place on April 24th (delayed from original advertized date due to inclement weather). The sign up link advertized on social media worked well and 30 individuals signed up, most of whom represented a group of either family members, neighbors or a community group. It was suggested that the emails of those who participated could be saved (google doc?) for future communication of community events. There is a potential to run another event in September and perhaps biannually moving forward. It could be a long term vision to turn it into an large community event with the clean up around town followed by a celebration with food, music etc at a central location (similar to Scituates 'Ship Shape Day')

e. *Refuse/Reuse (Alyson, Stucky)*

No update

3. Items not reasonably anticipated 48hrs in advance

- Hazardous Waste Collection held at PRS on 15th May - Maria and Katie G volunteered at this event and reported that it was well attended and an interesting event to participate in.
- The requirement for Hingham to develop a Climate Action Plan was passed at Town Meeting. A member of the CGH committee now needs to become a permanent member of the Climate Action Plan committee, which will form over the summer. Maria has been serving in this role and would like to continue. Andy nominated Maria to this role and Stucky seconded.
- Katie G, Maria and Chris all have 2 year terms coming to an end this summer. All will continue on the committee.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 2021 meeting

Minutes approved.

Next meeting June 8th 2021 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted, Katie Gallacher