

**Minutes of Groton Recycling Committee  
May 6, 2021 via Zoom**

Attendees: Tessa David, Jamie King, Val Prest, Nancy Ohringer, Diana Keane (recording minutes)

Meeting started: 7:14 pm

April 15, 2021 minutes approved unanimously as submitted.

Transfer Station Bay 2 sign is now posted but the sign is bigger than the stand so it has been taped on with duct tape. Val will look into getting plexiglass to put over it to help it last longer. We were reminded that this is a temporary sign to see if it helps with proper sorting and it is too early to tell of its efficacy.

Transfer Station approach signs – Val and Tom haven't met yet to discuss the sign holders.

Black Earth Compost at the Transfer Station – a public site walk was done on a Saturday morning with neighbors, the public and some select board members. Black Earth is working hard to keep the odors down by monitoring the wind and also not turning the piles when there are games being held at the fields across the street. There is a phone number anyone can call if they want to notify Black Earth that the odor is bad and they will be keeping track of the various environmental elements to help determine how they can lessen the problem. Neighbors are concerned with traffic and the speed but monitoring showed there are ~~only 6~~few additional vehicles a day from Black Earth and those vehicles are not speeding. The results will be discussed at an upcoming Select Board meeting.

Educating the community via Groton Herald – The group reviewed the recycling tips that ~~Tessa helped create with the Libby Levison of the~~ Harvard ~~Recycling-Transfer Station~~ Committee ~~created, Tessa helped,~~ and they have allowed us to use them. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> version with images that Tessa will share with the group and Diana and Nancy will review/edit and decide which ones to put in the paper first. Nancy will provide local resources to the textile tip for usable clothing and shoes. Will likely start with one or two regional resources along with a few tips specific to our transfer station.

Meeting adjourned: 8:18

Next meeting: June 10, 2021 7:00 pm via Zoom