

Groton Recycling Committee Meeting
Town Hall Small Meeting room, first floor
Thursday, May 5, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Attendees Tessa David & Mike Brady

Meeting was opened at 7pm

We unanimously voted to accept the April 13th meeting minutes as written.

We put a recycling container in the selectman's meeting room (paper bag marked recycling)

Reviewed town hauler regulations and discussed if they need to be updated.

Discussed the DEP Grant application criteria:

Hauler regulations are worth up to \$200 for the DEP recycling dividends program.

DEP is doing a study on consistent communication messages regarding recycling. We may be able to use at the local level.

Per the DEP Grant, the town "Buy Recycled Policy" must be sent out annually to all town departments. Tessa will talk to the town manager about sending out.

The town just received a \$1,000 grant from DEP based on households in town. The money will be used to purchase kitchen scrap buckets. Tessa just ordered 400 kitchen scrap buckets and 20 Earth Machine compost bins to sell at transfer station and other events. The proceeds will be going back to the town recycling revolving fund. The Earth machines were paid for from the revolving fund. They each cost \$43.00 and will sell for \$45.00

Riverfest is on June 19th which also happens to be Father's Day. We discussed having a table at the event but decided against as it is on Father's Day and we have two Fathers on the committee. Tessa will drop off recycling containers.

Reviewed Groton free stuff handout from Tessa who estimates that this has saved over \$ 48,008 in tipping fees by diverting over 596 tons that otherwise would have been trashed.

Discussed "Busting Recycling Myths" and brainstormed ideas such as hanging a banner over Main St in front of town hall, include a recycling message on the electric bill information box, and post a sign at one of the town commons.

Adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Meeting June 9th at 7:00pm