

## **GROTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 16, 2019 7:00 pm

Town Hall Small Meeting room, 1st floor

Welcome

- Attendance: Val Prest, Jamie King, Tessa David, Nancy Ohringer
- Meeting opened at 7:05

Review prior meeting minutes, 04/11/19. Jamie Motioned to accept; Val seconded and committee unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Reviewed feedback from Transfer Station staff on Transfer Station descriptive material collection requirements for each station. Keith had no issues. He just wanted to point out that pet food cans go into tin/metal cans because even aluminum ones are coated in Teflon. The committee will see where this might be noted. Tessa will check with IT staff to see where they recommend to place the descriptions.

Brainstorm Clean Recycling practices possibly using RecycleSmartMa.org at GrotonFest. Val brought an article from the Worcester Business Journal News about Contaminated Recycling.

Compostable items were not researched further yet. Committee wondered if businesses would be interested in using compostable items.

Update on School Recycling- Nancy checked with Business Manager about an update on items he said he would implement, recycling champions and as well as the current disposal and recycling costs currently paid to haulers.

Action items

- Groton Greenway River Festival set up recycling containers for June 9, 2019
- Discuss Transfer Station Plastic Cap recovery possibilities
- Feedback from IT

Future items

- Groton Fest focus, Reduce and/or RecycleSmartMA or other
- Black Earth Compost presentation reschedule to June 13
- John Giger proposed Encourage Use of Reusable Bags and Ban Single-Use Plastic Bag in Groton
- Rob Busser proposed Trex Recycling Program
- Develop Reduce, Reuse, Recycle promotion
- Brainstorm Reduction Techniques

Adjourn 8:05

Minutes submitted by Tessa