

Groton Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 13, 2019
Town Hall Small Meeting Room, 1st Floor

Welcome

Attendance: Tessa David, Diana Keaney

Guests: Andrew Brousseau (Black Earth Compost), Keith Burchett (Groton Transfer Station Forman)

Meeting was opened at 7:25

Review of prior meeting minutes and amended but voting postponed because of a lack of a quorum.

Black Earth Compost presentation

Andrew from Black Earth Compost presented information about his company and described their current operations. He reviewed Groton Transfer Station aerial maps with Keith and discussed a potential location for a large-scale compost partnership which they would manage on site. Some items regarding their current operations and potential partnership in Groton:

- 13 trucks now
- Pick up at 40+ schools
- Large current compost site in Andover with pipes for supplying water and warm air
- 8K residential pickups (entire town of Manchester MA)
- Collection allows all food waste including bones
- Could have town wide weekly pickup for a small weekly fee (\$2-\$4)
- Textile curb side pickup at no additional cost
- Yard waste curb side using a purchased sticker system
- Cost savings to town as food waste would not be in trash saving tipping fees on tonnage
- Possibility of accepting landscape contractor drop off for a fee

Andrew will provide a “Pros” list to committee along with draft of their basic brochure/contract for review.

Grotonfest Theme:

- *Reduce and reuse* – Have visuals such as takeout container containing utensils for using at work; cloth napkins for use in washrooms instead of paper towels
- If wifi is available have RecycleSmartMA.org available for visitors to search using large monitor
- Have poster and handouts similar to those in 2018

Action Items:

Diana to ask Bob Johnson if wi-fi is available at Legion Hall

Tessa to send out poll for whether to have a July meeting and if we have one should it be on the 11th or 18th

Future Items

- * Update on School Recycling
- * Brainstorm Clean Recycling practices
- * Feedback from IT regarding placement of descriptions on website
- * John Giger proposed Encourage Use of Reusable Bags/Ban single-use plastic bags in Groton
- * Rob Busser proposed Trex Recycling Program
- * Develop Reduce, Reuse, Recycle promotion
- * Brainstorm Reduction Techniques

Adjourn 9:10

Next meeting: TBD