

GROTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 8, 2019@ 7:08 PM
in Town Hall's Small Meeting Room, 1st Floor

Welcome:

Attendance: Tessa David, Diana Keaney, Val Prest
Meeting opened at 7:08 PM.

Reviewed minutes from the June & July, 2019 meetings.

Nominees for our committee chair were briefly discussed and finally tabled until the next meeting when more members would likely attend. Among the duties of the Chair Person are: 1. To receive and forward emails; 2. To schedule meetings via the Town Hall at least 48 hours ahead of time. The meetings are to be scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

An update about the previous meeting with Andrew Brousseau of the "Black Earth Compost (BEC)" was described. BEC is offering town-wide pickup of compostable material only. They would bring it to our Transfer Station and compost it. Minimum cost to home-owners would be \$2.00/week. Comments from Mr. Brousseau, after his site visit with Tom, were sent to Mark Haddad and Tessa David. It appears that there is a favor of having them on board. BEC makes their money by selling the compost. Totes would also be available at the Transfer Station to accept compostables.

Michelle Collette asked Tessa to attend a meeting with John Giger to discuss his proposal for Use of Reusable Bags and the Ban of Single-Use Plastic Bags in Groton.

"Recycle Your Reusables" is seeking volunteers for their annual collection day, which is on 10/26/2019 this year from 9AM to 2PM. Tessa and Diana volunteered. We also voted to donate \$50.00 to Recycle Your Reusables.

GrotonFest is coming soon. We discussed what our theme, focus and plans should be. One of them is to hang a sign on our tent that reads, "HOW DO YOU REDUCE AND REUSE?" with sample suggestions. It was suggested that we have postits available for people to add their suggestions. Discussed handing out labeled pens to visitors to our booth. Val to select pen and obtain price. The label on pen would read:

Complements of:
RECYCLESMAARTMA.ORG
GrotonMA.org
Recycle for Your Health & Safety

Action items:

1. Feedback from IT.

Future items:

1. Update on School Recycling
2. Brainstorm Clean Recycling Practices, RecycleSmartMA.org
3. John Giger proposed Use of Reusable Bags and Ban Single-Use Plastic Bags in Groton
4. Develop, Reuse, Recycle promotion
5. Brainstorm Reduction Techniques

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Prest, Member