

GROTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, September 12, 2019 7:00 pm

Town Hall Small Meeting room, 1st floor

Attendance Diana Keaney, Val Prest, Jamie King, Nancy Ohringer, Tessa David, x Tom Delaney

Meeting was opened at 7:06 -8:45

Welcome

Minutes from 08/08/19 meeting were reviewed and accepted as amended. Motion was made and minutes were unanimously accepted.

Committee chair- tabled to next meeting

Black Earth Compost met with Tom and Keith after meeting with the Recycling Committee. Black Earth made an offer to manage food waste collection for the town and combine it with the current yard waste. The Town of Ayer currently has Black Earth Pick up food waste from their transfer station and have had a good experience. Tom is exploring the details and would like to offer food waste collection for the town. MassDEP estimates that organics represents more than 25% of the waste stream in Massachusetts after recycling, food materials, compostable paper and other organics are the largest fraction of the remaining waste. So diversion would save the town money and make better compost with the addition of food to yard waste.

2019 GrotonFest – “How do you Reduce & Reuse?”

Registered for Grotonfest on Saturday September 29th, 10-4:30

Jamie will check with Cub Scouts to confirm **Tessa and Val** should put the Recycling Containers for the Cub Scouts to maintain recycling collection during the event are in Legion Hall by restrooms.

We will bring and show some samples of reuse items we have incorporated and items available at the Transfer Station, compost bins, rain barrels and kitchen scrap buckets. If you need to leave the booth flyers will be secured with clips so they do not blow away but are available.

Tessa will ask if battery can be charged. **Val** pick monitor & battery, **Tessa** will download videos to thumb drive and get some Ayer Food waste collection flyers. **Jamie** will have some \$5s for change.

Motion for Val to order pens and paid by the Recycling Committee funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Recycling ? Answered
RECYCLESMAITMA.ORG
GrotonMA.gov
Recycle for Our Health

Saturday Booth staffing shifts.

Val & Jamie 9-11:30 Set up

Nancy 11-1:30

Diana 1-3:30

Tessa 3-5:30 Clean up

Friday Val & Tessa will deliver pop-up canopy, booth stands, recycling containers and bags, sign(s), monitor & battery

Friday Tom please to deliver:

Recycling Roll off

2 six foot tables

3 chairs

1 rain barrel

1 compost bin

1 box kitchen scrap buckets (25)

Action items

- Feedback from IT

Future items

- Update on School Recycling
- Brainstorm Clean Recycling practices, RecycleSmartMa.org
- John Giger proposed Encourage Use of Reusable Bags and Ban Single-Use Plastic Bag in Groton
- Develop Reduce, Reuse, Recycle promotion
- Brainstorm Reduction Techniques
- Black Earth Compost presentation

Meeting closed at 8:45

Minutes submitted by Tessa