

GROTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Town Hall Small Meeting room, 1st floor

Agenda

Welcome

Attendance: Tessa David, Diana Keaney, Val Prest

Meeting was opened at 7:05

Meeting minutes of 12/12/19 were accepted as amended.

Residents use of Groton's Transfer Station decreased 10% in 2019.

No update on black Earth compost

Tessa got PDF descriptions submitted to Town to go along with videos of Transfer Station booths.

To combat the reduced usage of our Transfer Station we discussed:

- Possible complexity that residents have with storing separated recyclables in their homes.
- Available time for and method of transporting recyclables to Transfer Station.
- Setting up a survey to ask residents what their recycling issues are.
 - What kind of questionnaire - verbal, paper, electronic by email or cell phone
 - When and where to submit questionnaire - volunteers at stores & shows or other distributions.
 - Maybe use 'Survey Monkey' or 'Facebook'
 - What questions to ask - put off to a future time.
 - Tessa shared that there are approximately 4,000 households in the Town of Groton.

Val submitted his created shopping lists to committee members that led to a discussion about formalizing them for giving away free at various shows and shopping centers. They should be printed on recycled paper. Similarly, using the sample Diana displayed, we discussed use of fold-up shopping bags that you can carry in your pocketbooks. They could be printed with our recycle slogan and distributed free along with the shop-ping lists.

To encourage people to reduce use of single-use plastic bags we discussed the creation and pricing of 2-sided signs that display reminders for people to bring bags. They would be placed at shopping centers and grocery stores.

Action Items:

- Val to check with Keith and Tom on having a group meeting/support at and for the Transfer Station.

Future items

- _ Brainstorm questions for questionnaire and acceptance by Mike Bouchard
- _ Update on School Recycling
- _ Discuss ways to publicize the reuse of recyclable items including use of containers & space for storing them and perhaps use of reusable labeled bags.

Meeting adjourned: 8:25

Next meeting: February 13, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Gracefully submitted by Val Prest