

## **Minutes of Groton Recycling Committee March 11, 2021 via Zoom**

Attendees: Tom Delaney, Jamie King, Tessa David, Val Prest (recording minutes).

Meeting started: 7:04 pm

February 11, 2021 minutes approved as modified by adding Val to the list of attendees.

Transfer Station (TS) Bay 2 sign has been delivered but not yet installed. Tom will pursue that work.

Discussion of 'approach/drive-by' yard signs:

1. Use single post supports for 2'x2' or 3'x3' size signs that can be simply bolted to the post to allow easy periodical removal and changes to wording.
2. The sign itself should be made of aluminum so it does not corrode or go limp.
3. Place permanent wording on the lower part of the sign and either slide-in or eraseable (Washable Markers) wording on the upper part of the sign.
4. If washable markers used then Tom will test them on aluminum to see if they will actually work cleanly. The markers are waterproof and can be removed with ammonia or Windex.
5. Plan on having two (2) roadside signs. They could also be placed within the Transfer Station. Town approval might be needed for allowing the roadside signs.
6. Val, working with Tom, will draw up a sample sign for committee review.

Regarding the Transfer Station Opportunities Promotion, Diana and Nancy will be pursuing that effort together. Neither one was able to attend this meeting so they could not give us their presentation.

The Transfer Station and Town-wide Food waste collection is progressing well. Our Black Earth Composting company has encountered new competition from Waste Not in Ayer, MA. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has instituted a limit of 2,000 pounds on waste disposal.

Curbside waste & recycling collection fee increases were proposed to Select Board at their meeting of March 8, 2021. They were approved for use of our Trade Station, and will go into effect on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Furthermore the fee will be based on the registration of the vehicle in question so the lower elderly rate will NOT go into effect if the vehicle is registered to a younger adult.

Val asked if any of our waste plastics is yet going to companies that make special paving compositions or make building blocks as was noted in two emails that Val had found and emailed to the members recently. The answer was NO. The glass crushing feature of our Trade Station is doing very well.

Tom said that when the Covid epidemic ends and the station goes "Green", there will be no limits on cars using the Trade Station.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49