

Recycling Committee Meeting
February 10, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Kelly Sinclair, Jamie King, Tessa David, Diana Keaney (recorder)

Meeting opened at 7:09

December 9, 2021 meeting minutes - approved unanimously with one small change, replacing "I" with "Val" under Drive by Signs.

Transfer Station plastic's #2 sign - reviewed to prepare for making a permanent sign. A new image will be used which includes a natural milk jug with an "X" across it. Jamie will take a new picture but Tessa will also try to manipulate the current image. Tessa will send final sign for proof to the committee.

The final wording was approved as follows:

Recycle Empty 2 ^ Plastic Here
Colored BOTTLES & JUGS
Opaque = Cannot see through

Transfer Station battery collection signage - deferred and will brainstorm next meeting but Jamie did suggest starting simple with a container with a small hole for button batteries.

Approach/drive by sign plans - Defer

Recycling Committee Tips in Herald - Nancy will speak to Russ, the editor, in person, to try to get a consistent placement every week.

Transfer Station and town wide food waste collection – no update from Black Earth. Nancy talked to owner of Filos and he is willing to have compost picked up. Kelly said Forge & Vine is interested in composting.

Recycling in Schools – Containers will be picked up from state at UMass Amherst soon and then distributed and assemblies needed to educate the students and faculty. Composting will come later, Food Service head wants to participate.

Tessa will look up new Massachusetts waste disposal ban which goes into effect November 1. (Post meeting: MassDEP will expand its current waste disposal bans on 11/1/2022 by lowering the threshold on commercial organic/food waste to facilities generating more than one-half ton of these materials per week.

Suggestion was made to add newspaper tip about how much restaurant(s) are saving in disposal fees and/or what they're doing for the environment.

Adjourn: 8:05