

March 9, 2023  
Groton Town Hall

Attendees: Tessa David, Tom Delaney, Nancy Ohringer, Jamie King, Diana Keaney  
(Recorder)

Meeting Commenced: 7:03

Meeting minutes from 1/12/23 approved unanimously

#### Transfer Station

Display boxes maintenance -Transfer crew may have fixed some falling items and Tom said he would make sure they continued to upkeep them.

Battery collection streamlining ideas – One comment was that the batteries shouldn't be near the oil; batteries still need the contacts covered (with tape) before they can be shipped off to be recycled. This does not pertain to button or lead acid batteries. Transfer Station crew lets batteries build up and then sorts and covers contacts then bags them. Tom says he sometimes gets seniors to do this, who are working for abatement of some of their taxes. There is a better/safer cabinet available for the larger batteries. Tom will discuss with Keith how collection containers for various type batteries might help.

Update on printing Recycling Committee Tips in Herald - Nancy has been able to get the tips going and it will consistently be on the Happenings page. The person who lays out the paper will not use the graphic we provided as it is not what they want. Suggestion was to put battery tips in next, including that alkaline batteries should be tossed in the trash.

Update on Recycling in Schools – Stopped using clam shell and other containers in the cafeteria. Now just using trays with dividers and tray is washed and reused which saves money and the environment. The Middle School STEM teacher is involved now and will be setting up 2 turning compost bins. This is great but discussion ensued about how just having food without brown items (leaves) would not compost as effectively. But all agreed this is a good start. Will look to get Black Earth Compost involved when appropriate.

Other items to discuss? Tessa suggested we use the theme “Got Stuff? Ask Us Where to Put It.” at Grotonfest or other events we might take part in. People can ask us what to do with specific items.

Adjourn: 7:45