

GREENER HOPKINTON

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We discussed recycling and composting initiatives at Harold Martin School. Composting is happening in almost all the classrooms. The children collect the snack scraps in their classrooms and the custodian brings everything out to the compost bin. They are also recycling milk cartons, but only in the classrooms at snack time, not at lunch time. Styrofoam trays are unfortunately being used. It seems to be an issue of cost, it would be more costly to hire kitchen staff to clean the plastic trays than to purchase disposable ones. We were surprised they were being used so often and all agreed it would be great if this practice was halted. We should work out a way to talk to administration about this, but with budgets the way they are, it was agreed it may be an uphill battle.

The group discussed whether to write an article about Pay Per Bag in our e-newsletter. We decided it would be appropriate, as long as we kept the article(s) factual and didn't encourage people to vote one way or the other.

GH will set up a booth outside town meeting. Nancy is developing all the display material with help from Bethann. A 3-sided stand will be borrowed. It would be nice if we could get one of these for our committee to keep.

Two gardening workshops are being planned - a Level I and a Level II. Bethann and Risa are working out the details