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Recycling Committee Minutes - 04/08/2008

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Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes April 8, 2008

Meeting was opened at 6:35 pm.

Present: David Lancaster, Debbie Augustine, Mary Leadbeater, Katherine Mitchell, Bob Lapree, & Chris Lawless; Sally Embley – arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Mary Leadbeater motioned to accept previous meeting minutes, seconded by Bob Lapree- all in favor.

The Committee discussed Steve Clough's request, on behalf of Janet Ward and Greener Hopkinton, to use Recycling Revolving Account funds to purchase software in order to prepare newsletters for their group. It was decided the group was in favor of the Greener Hopkinton producing a newsletter, but to inform them we have no control over expenditures from the Recycling Revolving Account as Steve Clough is agent to expend.

Chris Lawless reported he is going to bring up the functioning of the Recycling Revolving account at a future selectmen's meeting.

The Recycling Committee is scheduled to meet with the Selectmen on April 28, 2008 at 6:00. Debbie will ask about Recycling Committee's role and how the now functioning Landfill Committee's role interplays with our functions.

The petition at Town Meeting to try and establish a pilot program for a secondary recycling station to be set up at the town Public Works Department received approximately 150 signatures. Katherine will try to and get in contact with the Dockham's to see if they are still willing provide, as mentioned at a previous meeting, dumpsters and transportation free of charge to the town for a two month trial period.

Sally Embley reported that Webster passed at town meeting contributing to the Recycling Revolving Account.

Names of possible new committee members were discussed.

Dee Treybig of Bow has stated Bow is looking into PAYT. Dee asked Debbie if Bow and Hopkinton can work together on writing articles for the Bow Times regarding recycling. For Earth Day Debbie will produce an article to be submitted to the local small-town papers.

Chris has volunteered to update the Town's Recycling website.

Mary reported that 40 compost bins and buckets were sold and will be available for pickup on April 19th.

Sally reported that Webster's Elementary School uses disposable trays and utensils in their cafeteria.

Hopkinton is going to try a two-day trial of reusable trays to serve lunches to the Junior High School students. A representative from the Northeast Recycling Council will be in Hopkinton on June 3rd. During the day the representative would like to meet individually with three different entities in town to see how they function and how they could possibly increase recycling. Suggestions of whom they could meet with are The Hopkinton Schools, the Town of Hopkinton, and a company to be determined, possibly McLane's or Milton Caterpillar. They will then hold a community recycling forum to be held at the Community Room of the Hopkinton Library at 7:00 pm that night. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Lancaster