

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2009

Official minutes approved at the December 17, 2009 meeting

Present: Debbie Augustine, Katherine Mitchell, Bob LaPree, Mary Leadbeater, Ginni Haines, Sally Embley, Denis Goddard
Guest Will Hastings for report on recycling at HMHS

Meeting called to order at 7:05 at the library

Minutes approved with corrections

New Business –

- Will Hastings reports on recycling at Hopkinton Middle/High School:
1 recycle bin in each classroom for paper
Interact Club collects and sorts from the bins
No food waste composting
Washable plates and trays used, disposable flatware and milk cartons
No program of recycling education for students
- Committee offered suggestions :
Student produced video to raise awareness
Education and in-classroom recycling should start at the earliest grades and continue through to 12th grade
A student representative is invited to regularly attend the RC meetings.

Old Business –

- Results of the phone survey were inconclusive due to the limited contacts made.
- Mary to compile annual report for town report
- Bob briefed the Recycling Committee on the Landfill Committee meeting:
Steve requested RC input on plans for swap shop - members thought the basic plan acceptable, the issue of electricity to building is considered desirable but not essential though should be done before paving.
- Steve's proposal of warrant article to institute pay by the bag for Hopkinton users at the transfer station was discussed, concluding the proposal would do little to increase recycling due to its limited application.

Next meeting December 9th, 7pm town library
Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Submitted by Bob LaPree

