

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

June 9, 2010

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT July 14th MEETING

Present: Debbie Augustine, Bob LaPree, Mary Leadbeater, Denis Goddard, Judy Fayre, Sally Embley
Public – Rich Houston

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm at the library

Minutes of the May meeting approved.

Bob reported on the Landfill Comm., PbB Implementation Comm. and BOS meetings.

Bob proposed a subsidy paid out of the Recycling Revolving Fund to reduce the cost of compost bins for residents noting that the reduction in weight from food waste would quickly recoup the cost of the subsidy through lower tipping costs.

Committee discussed the policies of the hauler who is taking over the Kimball's route.

The swap shop at the TS was discussed in light of the Landfill Committee's reluctance to approve the project if it would increase operational costs at the TS. Sally said the best solution is to have the RC coordinate volunteer staffing when the swap shop is open. The committee voted unanimously to organize the volunteers.

Judy Fayre and Debbie Augustine attended the annual NRRA Conference and Expo June 7th. They reported on the workshops they attended. Debbie reported on the increasing popularity of composting. Judy said recycling in schools should start with small scale projects that are expanded throughout the school. She volunteered to work with the Harold Martin School teachers over the summer to design some recycling projects for the next school year.

Other Business – Rich Houston asked the committee to consider how much of the TS budget should be covered by PbB fees. He also asked whether the revenues generated by recyclables sales should be directly applied to the TS budget rather than put into the general fund.

Next Meeting 7:00pm June 9th at the town library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Submitted by Bob LaPree