

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

June 8th, 2011

Unofficial until approved at July 13th meeting

Present: Bob LaPree, Katherine Mitchell, Mary Leadbeater, Ginni Haines, and Denis Goddard -
Selectmen's representative

Public: Barbara Corliss (chair of Hopkinton/Webster Refuse Disposal Committee) Sara Crane

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm at the Library

Minutes of the May 11th meeting minutes approved as presented.

Sara Crane welcomed to committee as a new member from Hopkinton, selectmen will be officially notified, and asked to confirm her appointment.

The RC met May 16th in a publicly noticed meeting to discuss the presentation to be made to the BoS on May 23rd regarding the establishment of a satellite recyclable drop-off pilot program at the public works property off Maple Street. The RC decided to propose that the Dockhams be hired to service the facility with the Recycling Revolving Fund being used to finance it. The committee briefly discussed the security issues at the transfer station raised by Rich Houston at the May 11th meeting, deciding not to bring it up with the selectmen until more information on the problem can be obtained from the police dept.

The committee summarized the goals and activities of the RC for new member Sara Crane and Barbara Corliss.

Barbara Corliss briefed the RC on the direction the Hopkinton/Webster Refuse Disposal Committee (H/W RDC) is taking. She said that the revised rules and regulations for the transfer station have been submitted the BoS of Hopkinton and Webster which will hold a joint meeting June 20th. The H/WRDC also discussed an outline of issues to be discussed over the next several months. To include the revenue and expense of the transfer station operation, consider the fee structure, security cameras and ways to increase recycling, including a swap shop.

The committee discussed the results of the RC meeting with the BoS re: the satellite drop-off. The selectmen said they would look into having the Dockhams make their recycling compartmentalized truck available for residents to use at the public works property.

Ginni reported the recent Fun Fair had no receptacles for recyclables. She said the school food service programs in the district use disposable trays and flatware even though the cafeterias have dish washing equipment. RC concluded that the superintendent should be asked to establish a district wide recycling program in the schools. The RC will work up a proposal for the Supt. at the July 17th meeting. Mary will ask for a preliminary meeting with the Supt. to discuss the matter.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting July 13th at Library Local History Room .

Submitted by Bob LaPree

