

Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

November 18th Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the Hopkinton Town Library.

Members in attendance: Rebecca Whitley, Diane Myler, Elaine Rust(Chair), Mary Carol Shaffrath, Sally Embley.

Representatives: Sara Persechino

A quorum was not available for approval of October minutes.

Committee members Elaine Rust, Mary Carole, Diane Myler as well as representative Sara Persechino reported on the Committee's participation in America Recycles Day. The setup, using a model of the recycling facility, was good. Turnout was still low so the committee decided to look into a better venue for next year – possibly the Hopkinton Holler would be good. All town calendars need to be checked prior to scheduling Committee events. Sara agreed to check into having ONE town calendar for ALL town events as opposed to the three that are now in circulation/on line. Several people were surprised to hear they could recycle #5 plastic at the office.

Further revision of the Committee's survey for Primary Day was postponed until the December meeting. However, the format for the survey presentation was discussed. The possibility was discussed of using posters for survey questions with the idea that participants could place their "votes" on the response of choice using sticky notes.

Becky Whitley has agreed to be Secretary and will begin her post as soon as she has been formally accepted into the committee by the town of Hopkinton.

Sara Persechino and Sally Embley reported that a container has been acquired for the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. The initial plan is to have the shop open only on Saturdays and to collect items throughout the week prior to opening the shop each weekend.

In New Business, there is concern about the unsanitary collection of cat litter at the transfer station. This may be a topic to address in the future.

Some members would like to consider holding a fall clean-up in addition to the spring clean-up that is held every year.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Elaine Rust, Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee Chair