

# Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

## September 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Meeting called to order at the Hopkinton Town Library.

Members in attendance: Elaine Rust(Chair), Ginni Haines , Rosalie Smith, Sally Embley, Sara Persechino

Special guest, Connor Corpora

August minutes were approved and seconded.

### New Business:

Connor Corpora of the NextGen Climate Action Committee, NH North and the Concord Regional Field Director spoke to the Committee and explained the role of Next Generation. Their goals for the state are to promote renewable energy through a special fund that has been set up. They work with political candidates and look to support/fund anyone who's activities are directed at reducing climate change. Examples of other Next Gen. activities were given, including the Sept 24, 9:00am Concord Red River Theater live streaming of the Pope's visit and round table discussions at Smutty Nose Brewing. The NextGen Committee is looking for other places locally that are green businesses. When asked about support for education in schools, particularly elementary schools, Connor explained that Next Gen. has not been working with anyone below high school age yet and that Next Gen is trying to get in contact with the local high schools such as Hopkinton at this time. He explained there has been a convergence of local young people in Manchester which included activities as part of an overnight at the Boys and Girls club there. Connor suggested that a firm plan for recycling education in the elementary schools be drawn up and that he could then determine how Next Gen might be able to support such a program. Ginni Haines asked if a talk by Fire fighters concerning their western firefighter experiences might be something Next Gen. could sponsor. Connor stated that they would be open to such a talk and Ginni offered to speak with Ron, a Hopkinton firefighter who has been involved with the fires. Connor left his email address as a way to further communicate with him and Next Gen:

[ccorpora@nextgenclimate.org](mailto:ccorpora@nextgenclimate.org).

### Old Business:

A Swap Shop trailer is still needed. The Refuse Disposal Committee didn't meet in September so there is no word yet from Steve on this project.

America Recycles Day is to be held October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 12 at the last outdoor farmer's Market. Rosalie is checking with Joan O'Conner about a presentation on worms, and Ginni will see Lori Aubertin about having her classroom make advertisement posters. Rosalie will help set up the recycling display and Elaine will prepare an upcycle display or activity.

It was stated that Jolene at the transfer station does not want any more signs, including one for #5 plastics.

Ginni received permission from Carol at the Hopkinton town clerk's office that our Committee Survey can be conducted on Primary Day at the polling center. The survey templates being used are through Mary Leadbetter, former Committee Chair. All Committee members will look through the questions to determine if some should be simplified, or omitted and if others need to be added. The Economic development committee needs to know what their target should be.

According to a recent article, recycling education programs should have a plan, a budget, a schedule and a way to measure if the program(s) are having a positive impact. Our Education Subcommittee will be working on an education outreach plan based on these requirements and will focus on the elementary schools. There was a question on how to handle possible donations, but more information is needed. The Sub Committee is still in need of one more member before beginning planning.

Elaine volunteered to look into prices and models for a possible PA system for the Recycling Area. The purpose of the system would be for patrons to better communicate with the office when they have questions.

We are looking for at least one new Committee member and are in need of a secretary.

The meeting was adjourned and seconded. The next Committee meeting will be held Oct. 21, 2015, at 7:00pm at the Hopkinton Town Library.

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