

## Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee

June 15, 2016 DRAFT Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Hopkinton Town Library.

Members in attendance: Elaine Rust (Chair), Becky Whitley, Sally Embley, Ginni Haines, Rob Childs and Mary Carol Shaffrath

**Education Sub Committee Report** (Elaine) – Need from Elaine because Secretary was not present for report.

No May minutes from Rosalie

March minutes were approved.

**Transfer Station Swap Shop Report:** Sally.

Sally shared and the group discussed, the swap shop flyer and acceptable and unacceptable items. Staff will sort all donations and people will have to go to the building get item screened. The container is ready, and there's a list from Steve Clough of items that are acceptable and unacceptable. Apparently there is room for negotiation on acceptable items, but the unacceptable are final. These items are excluded primarily because they are already handled separately or are dangerous or toxic. Sally was concerned about accepting books because they would be too bulky. Elaine suggested trying things out and seeing how they work. Jolene plans to send an email to her "GreenTowns" list. Adjustable shelving (2 feet deep) have been installed, and by now steps should be in place at the entrance. The official opening of the Swap Shop may be as early as Saturday, June 25. Discussed having a bulletin board in swap shop. Rosalie can volunteer once a week but can't do Saturdays. If there's an interest -- and a mutually convenient time -- perhaps a pre-opening tour could be arranged. Sally will set it up and email group. Discussed electricity in swap shop. Rosalie gave name to Sally

Discussed Swap Shop promotion. We will wait to hear from Sally before we start promotion. Ideas included:

- Sandwich board in front of town hall, clerk's office and depot. Elaine will send an email to Ginni about wording for sandwich board.
- Flyers around town
- Promote grand opening in Monitor community notes – Becky will look into how that works

Rosalie reported on Lions Club yard sale

**NRRA Conference:** Sally. Good speaker from Oregon who talked about trends in recycling. Packaging is a big problem

Group agreed to meeting in July and August but July meeting will be tour of transfer transition.

**Survey response discussion**

- People need more information about how much money recycling is saving
- Monthly tips to Susan
- Elaine will post locally
- Elaine will also send to Sally to put up around Webster
- Keep America Beautiful has a lot of good tips

Discussed party at the transfer station in late/mid Spring?. Can the Lions support? Rosalie will check in about what works best.

Discussed Farm to Table Dinner by Farmer's Market at Sr. Center Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Our committee would like to help serve. Rosalie will make aprons. Discussed possibility of serving at a Webster event too.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Respectfully submitted – Becky Whitley, Secretary Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee