Draft Minutes

Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Diane Myler, Kristen Cummings (chair), Pat LaPree, Mary Carol Shaffrath, Abigail Stone, Ginnie Haines, Rosalie Smith, Liz Gilmore, Sally Embly. Student Josephine Franta was observing the meeting for a school project.

Absent: Bonnie Christie, Jeff Donohoe.

1) 7:02 PM, the meeting was called to order by acting chair Kristen. Roll call attendance taken. Everyone that is present is alone on zoom.
2) Approval of March draft minutes: The minutes were accepted as written. The vote to accept the minutes was made by Diane and seconded by Mary Carol. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative to accept the March minutes. Pat will send them to the Town Office to be posted on the website.
3) 2021 Legislative Report: The NH legislature is considering the bills brought forward concerning regulations for the DES to enact for transfer stations. There has been no final vote.
4) Earth Day Planning: Ginnie will bring a tent and table and we will set up on the green space adjacent to the depot parking lot and have the blue bags, maps, gloves, hand sanitizer and tick spray available to residents. We will all be there from 10 AM to 1 PM and rotate as needed. We will encourage residents to take two bags and use one for recyclable items.

   We will have a handout about plastics pollution and its reduction that Amanda is writing. Kristen will bring a white board on which to write recycling statistics. We will also have an application for signing up to volunteer for the three-month food scrap weigh in and a data collection sheet to illustrate how the data will be collected. Kristen will bring pens and Diane will bring clipboards. A discussion followed about whether to ask families to weigh meat and dairy scraps and we decided to keep it to just regular food scraps. That information will be included on the application.

   Cindy Camp will park in the Depot parking lot with her Leave No Trace Refillery Van from 10-1. We will try to block the two street parking spaces off, so she is more visible to the community. We will also put a folding sign on the roadside announcing her being there.

   Kristen has given Susan Covert and the Town website our Earth Day program information. Abigail will advertise it at the high school.

   For next year's Earth Day, we will explore whether we can get a roll off dumpster just for the blue bags that would not incur tipping fees.

5) Hopkinton/Webster Waste Reduction Committee update: Sally reported that the committee has been out of action since the onset of Covid and that the meeting scheduled for April may be cancelled due to a membership issue. Sally said that the committee is eager to hear what this committee gathers for information pertaining to the operation and the budget of the transfer station.
6) Hopkinton School District Sustainability Resolution update: There was no report on any movement since last month.
7) New/Other Business: We will move the discussion about data gathered about pay as you throw throughout the State to the May meeting. We are still gathering data.

7:42 PM: The motion to adjourn the meeting at this time was made by Mary Carol and seconded by Rosalie. The vote to adjourn was unanimous in the affirmative. The committee thanked Kristen for doing a fine job chairing the meeting in Bonnie's absence.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat LaPree, secretary.