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## Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee

January 16, 2020 meeting minutes

7:00 at Hopkinton Town Library

Present: Sabrina Dunlap, Mary Carol Schaffrath, Rosalie Smith, Ginnie Haines, Liz Gilmore, Diane Myler

Guest: Ron Dunlap, Not present: Bonnie Christie, Sally Embley

- 1) Acceptance of November 21, 2019 minutes
- 2) Reported: new name (Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee) and revised mission statement accepted by Select Board
- 3) School Task Force News:
  - \*PTA gave \$3000 to Maple Street School to develop a scrap composting system. Amy Roth, lead person
  - \*Discussion of work with Contoocook Creamery to deliver milk in bulk to avoid single use containers. Researching comparative cost and type of cups/glasses to use
  - \*Discussion of reusable silverware vs plastic. Steve Chamberlain to ask Neal about purchasing reusable from the Recycling Revolving Fund. Ginnie to ask Tracy (food service) if the "once upon a time" reusable silverware is stored somewhere.
  - \*Discussion about what really happens to mixed paper—recycled or disposed of by Waste Management. No conclusion. Considering "office" paper only vs. "mixed" for \$85/ton revenue
- 4) Conference call with Jolene
  - \*Amount of time employees spend sorting recyclables—1-2 hr .daily
  - \*Mixed paper overview: costs \$100/ton to recycle. Now going into hopper at \$69/ton to dispose of Select Board asked HWRC for suggestions
  - \*Where does trash go? Waste Management owns our trash and hauls to Rochester
  - \*Recycle for revenue? Last year all turned revenue except mixed paper and #5 plastic
  - \*Out-of-towners dropping off trash—not an issue
  - \*How can we help you? Clear, precise signage and outreach due to being understaffed, Ginnie and Rosalie volunteered to go on Saturday as HWRC volunteers
- 5) Legislation
  - \*brief discussion of plastic bag ban passed by the House
- 6) Library program
  - \*Checking with Donna as to date/time
- 7) Liz Gilmore presented draft of recycling handout
- 8) Next meeting: February 20, 2020
- 9) Meeting adjourned @ 8:20'