

## Minutes

### Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee Meeting

October 15, 2020

Present: Bonnie Christie, Ginnie Haynes, Rosalie Smith, Mary Carol Schaeffer, Jeff Donohoe, Pat LaPree, Kristen Cummings, Diane Myler and Liz Gilmore.

Absent: Abigail Stone and Sally Embley.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bonnie Christie, via conference call at 7:20 PM.

- 1) The roll call attendance was taken.
- 2) The minutes for the September 17 meeting were reviewed and the motion to accept them as written was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes. Pat will send the final minutes to the Town office to be posted on the website.
- 3) Transfer Station records from 2008 to 2019:

Jeff and Bonnie compiled the data and Jeff provided the Committee with graphs to illustrate the trends. A discussion followed about the information and some clarification may be needed to fully understand the trends. The goal will be to compile the information for the Committee's end of year report to the town. We will reach out to the NNRA to see if the trends of less recycling of certain items and increases in waste amounts in Hopkinton are like trends in NH over the years.

- 4) Hopkinton School District Task Force/Composting update and ideas:

Bonnie reported that there is still no progress in this area. A discussion followed about the pros and cons of pursuing these programs with the pandemic still affecting the schools. Ginnie made a motion to table these projects until after Town Meeting next year and it was seconded by Rosalie. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative to table these projects until next year after Town Meeting.

- 5) Plastics Update:

Bonnie reported that the Climate Change Reality Group which is a NH statewide group would like to help us with supporting reduction of plastic use. The UUC Church in Hopkinton has also expressed an interest in helping us.

- 6) Legislation Update:

There are no new bills before the Legislature regarding waste reduction. As bills come forward that the Town supports, committee members can go to Legislative hearings.

- 7) “Slash your Trash” initiative and possibly combining it with Pat’s proposal to the Transfer Station for volunteer help:

The committee read Pat’s proposal and it was accepted. There was a discussion about how best to support residents using the Transfer Station in increasing recycling. Bonnie and Pat will meet with Jolene and talk about the proposal and how to move forward. Bonnie reported that she did participate in the weeklong Slash your Trash challenge.

- 8) Waste Contract:

Jeff reports that the contract negotiation is the purview of the Town Manager and the Select Board has not yet discussed it, Ginnie will track this item on the Select Board agenda and will let us know it’s progress.

- 9) Notebooks:

Bonnie has collated notebooks for all the Committee members and three are in reused binders. They may be picked up at the Town offices.

- 10) Other Business:

Leave No Trace Refillery is a mobile business that will be available in Hopkinton as well as online that sells household and personal care products to be put in your own refilled containers. Bonafide Green Goods in Concord also carries a lot of these products.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM was made by Rosalie and seconded by Pat. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday November 19 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Patricia LaPree

