

Hopkinton Waste reduction Committee Meeting  
Minutes

March 17, 2022

Present: Diane Myler, Bonnie Christie, Abigail Stone, Pat LaPree, Ginnie Haines, Mary Carol Schafftrath, Jeff Donohoe, Kristen Cummings.

Guest: Dan Kilraine from Worksong Farm in Hopkinton.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie at 7:00 PM.

1. Minutes: The acceptance of the February meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.
2. Bonnie gave a report on the table that our committee had at Town Meeting on March 12th and thanked all who helped put together and run the table. The video PSA that was compiled by Jeff and Kristen ran on the big screen before the meeting and on a monitor at the table during the meeting. Handouts were made by Abigail and Bonnie. The chair of the Selectboard spoke at the meeting about the need to reduce our waste stream at the Transfer Station.
3. Dan Kilraine from Work Song Farm came to this meeting to tell the committee about a pilot project aimed at providing a means for residents to bring their food scraps to designated areas for composting. The pilot project has 8 farms in NH and VT participating for a two-year period. The project asks the farms to have community involvement and Dan would like some of our committee members to volunteer to help with the project. A discussion followed about the 3-month data gathering project done last summer and that the committee's goal as well as the project's goal is to reduce food scraps in the waste stream and promote and facilitate composting for residents. Jeff asked whether the committee has funds to purchase plastic drums with covers for collecting food scraps at the Farmer's Market. Dan stated that his farm is in the assessment phase of the project and that there are Zoom trainings for participants. Abigail and Dan will attend the first training next week. He will share the link for the training with Bonnie who will give it to committee members who want to participate in them.  
A motion was made by Ginnie that the HWRC join Work Song Farm in this project to reduce food scraps in the waste stream. It was seconded by Mary Carol. The vote was unanimous to accept the motion.
4. Earth Day Planning:  
We will have a table with maps and blue bags at the Farmer's Market on Saturday April 23 which will be Roadside Cleanup Day and Earth Day. Bonnie is going to ask Conservation Commission members to join us in handing out maps and bags. We will also let residents know about tick awareness and provide tick spray and tips for preventing tick bites. We will continue planning at our next meeting on April 21st.
5. New/other business:  
Bonnie reports that there is money to rebuild the recycling sheds at the transfer station. She suggested that would be a good time to upgrade the signs. Kristen has pictures of the signs at the Lebanon Transfer Station which are clear and concise.  
The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 was made by Abigail and seconded by Pat. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.  
The next meeting will be Thursday April 21st at 7:00 PM at the library.  
Respectfully submitted, Patricia LaPree

