

Hopkinton Waste reduction Committee Meeting
Minutes

May 19, 2022

Present: Diane Myler, Bonnie Christie, Pat LaPree, Ginnie Haines, Mary Carol Schaffrath, Rosalie Smith, Liz Gilmore.

Absent: Kristen Cummings, Abigail Stone, Jeff Donohoe

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

1. Minutes: The motion was made to accept the April minutes with corrections was made by Ginne and Bonnie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.
2. Ginnie reported that 550 buckets have been procured for Dan at Work Song Farm. He intends to make them available to his CSA members and see how that goes.
3. Bonnie introduced the discussion about what we might like to have happen when the Recycle sheds are upgraded at the Transfer Station. The discussion focused on ways we can work with the Hopkinton/Webster Refuse committee toward a goal of making the Transfer Station recycling areas cleaner and user friendly. Kristen and Bonnie currently sit on the HWRC. They meet the first Monday of the month at noon. HWRC members are encouraged to attend as guests.
4. Bonnie shared the Plastics Free July proclamation that the city of Dover declared and asked whether we might want our Selectboard to consider doing some thing similar. The proclamation does not require any specific action or funds but rather is an educational opportunity for the community to support reduction and reuse of plastics. A motion was made by Rosalie to support a proclamation for Plastic Free July. It was seconded by Ginnie. The vote was unanimous on the affirmative to promote Plastic Free July. Bonnie will attend the Select board meeting to discuss the proclamation.
5. A River Friendly City distinction was supposed to be on the next Economic Development meeting in Hopkinton, but the meeting was cancelled. Several towns along the Contoocook River are participating in this project that have goals to reduce pollution of the waterway.
6. Ginnie reported that there is a renovation planned for the Riverfront Park within the next year, Ginnie has gathered information about installing a hydration station in the park and asks if this committee would like to support the project. The cost would be around eight thousand dollars. A motion was made by Rosalie to take on the project of getting a hydration station installed at the park. It was seconded by Mary Carol and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative to support the project.
7. New/other business:
Liz brought pricing for the sign material that she showed us at the last meeting. The cost for a 16 inch by 30-inch sign would be 40 dollars. The cost for the sign material is 12 dollars per square foot. The material is weather resistant and lightweight.
Liz also shared that the Walpole Transfer Station director presented a good seminar about recruiting and using volunteers. There are about 100 volunteers at the Walpole facility. "What is the Earth Worth?" is a website that has many ideas for helping people reduce and reuse materials.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 was made by Bonnie and seconded by Pat. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday June 16th at 7:00 PM at the library.

Respectfully Submitted, Patricia LaPree

