

# Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee

Thursday March 16, 2023

## Minutes

Present: Diane Myler, Liz Gilmore, Ginni Haines, Bonnie Christie, Abigail Stone, Jeff Donohoe, Mary Carol Schaffrath

Absent: Rosalie Smith, Pat LaPree, Kristen Cummings

Guests: Alyssa McKeon

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie Christie at 7:01 PM.

Minutes from the February 2023 meeting were presented. The meeting minutes were approved.

1. Bonnie updated the committee on the validity of subcommittees. Due to rules, we cannot have subcommittees. The motion to undue the previous vote on subcommittees was seconded and passed.
2. Bonnie attended the New London Waste Reduction committee meeting. They are expanding their compost program from 20 to 150 families at a cost of \$12K. Bonnie would like to explore the interest in applying their model to Hopkinton and suggested the committee circle back after town meeting.
3. Bonnie shared that the New London Waste Reduction committee hosts meetings twice a month, one for committee meetings and the other for guest speakers. They keep a suggestion box at the transfer station. She suggested trying the same model in Hopkinton. The committee discussed the importance of being in the library schedule. There wasn't a consensus on the time that would make the most sense to encourage the broadest number of attendees. The committee will revisit the idea at a future meeting.
4. The committee discussed the informational table set up for the Town Meeting, including how to integrate information around compost and recycling.
5. Bonnie shared an opportunity to co-sponsor a Home Energy Workshop being put on by the library, taking place April 24. There is no additional work to be done by the committee other than helping spread the word. The committee approved.
6. Bonnie informed the committee that the NRRRA Conference: Recycling Tools of the Trade, was May 22-23, at Grappone Center, Concord. Last year four people attended, we received a reduced rate. Anyone interested in attending should reach out to Bonnie.
7. The following topics were tabled until the next meeting:
  - o Earth Day 2023 planning
  - o Update on cleanup of embankment trash and installation of fence at Transfer Station
  - o Signs designs update; recycling at community events update

The meeting adjourned shortly after 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa McKeon