

Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee Meeting

Thursday April 20th, 2023

Minutes

Present: Jeff Donohoe, Pat LaPree, Rosalie Smith, Ginni Haines, Diane Myler, Abigail Stone, Kristen Cummings.

Absent: Mary Carol Schaffrath, Liz Gilmore.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Bonnie Christie.

1. The approval of the draft meeting minutes for the March 16, 2023 meeting were tabled until the May 18th meeting.
2. Earth Day Planning: We will meet at the Riverside Park on Saturday April 22nd at 9:30. We will keep the tables up from 10 AM to 2 PM.
Diane will bring tables, Kristen will bring gloves, raffle basket (for names), bracelets from last year and blue bags, Pat will bring tick spray and the big sandwich board from the Town office, Ginni will bring the banner and pens/paper for signing up areas to be covered and for entering the 3 raffle drawing. Alyssa will bring coffee, goodies and the three raffle prizes. Rosalie has arranged for two members of the Lions Club to come and pick up the trash that people will return and take it to the Transfer Station to be weighed at around 1:30. Thanks to Liz and Diane for distributing posters for Earth Day.
3. Report on the Pay by Bag discussion at the Select Board meeting on April 10th: The Select Board did get approval from the voters to be able to set the prices for the green bags. They have not gotten enough information to proceed with a price change yet. The Board also discussed the efficacy of the Pay by Bag program in terms of offsetting the cost of tipping fees and whether it encourages recycling. The Board heard from the public about the history of the PBB program and what the HWRC might recommend to the Board about how to increase its effectiveness. The draft document that the HWRC reviewed in January needs to be finalized and shared with the Board. We will work on the draft at the May meeting.
4. Bonnie brought a sign that is the size that we will purchase for the Transfer Station. Each one will cost around 100.00.
5. Abigail reported that the 10000.00 grant for starting a composting project at the middle/high school and Harold Martin school is still in process of getting set up.
6. Trash at the Transfer Station: Bonnie shared pictures she has taken of the trash over the bank down to Deer Meadow Brook. Duane reported that the TS staff was cleaning up trash around the driveway when she was there the other day. Kristen proposed a second Earth Day to clean up at the TS in the near future. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

7. Ginni reported that she has met with the people who organize outdoor events in Town. She said that they are enthusiastic about having dedicated barrels for recycling at the events.
8. NRRA annual conference May 22 and 23 in Concord: Pat, Bonnie, Abigail and Ginni will attend

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 was made by Pat and seconded by Rosalie.
The motion passed.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 18th 2023 at 7:00 PM in the community room at the library.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia LaPree