

## Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee

June 22, 2023

### Minutes

Present: Abigale Stone, Rosalie Smith, Bonnie Christie, Pat LaPree, Mary Carol Schaffrath, Liz Gilmore.

Absent: Jeff Donohoe, Ginni Haines, Diane Myler

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Bonnie Christie at 7:08 PM

1. Review of draft minutes from May 18 2023 meeting: Rosalie moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mary Carol. The motion passed. Pat will post the final minutes on the Town website
2. Signs for the Transfer Station: Bonnie provided the designs that she has made for the signs. Pat and Bonnie went to the TS to see how they would be placed for best visibility and not be in the way of the bucket loader. A discussion followed about which materials the signs should be made of and the costs and durability of both composite plastic and aluminum. A motion was made by Rosalie that the committee accept the sign designs and that we purchase 10 aluminum signs that measure 21"by 36". Liz Gilmore seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Report on NRRRA Conference: Liz, Pat, Abigale and Bonnie gave brief summaries of the workshops attended and information and resources gathered at the conference. Highlights included learning that 17% of waste is discarded clothing that can otherwise be recycled and repurposed, the State Solid Waste plan that is being revised and that each town should have a solid waste plan. Grant monies available through vendors and the USDA for upgrades and repairs of Transfer Stations. Abigale and Pat will get more information about the USDA grants to share at the next meeting and with the Select Board.  
7:45: Rosalie and Liz needed to leave the meeting so we no longer had a quorum for voting on motions.
4. Composting Operation at the TS: Pat and Bonnie met with Jolene and outlined the program for on site compost disposal at the TS. We would use Renewal to pick up the food scraps and compost off site. Jolene agreed that as long as TS staff did not have to manage the food scraps that they would find a location for the Renewal bins. Bonnie will present the proposed plan to the Selectboard on June 26. A discussion followed about whether to start with a pilot program with a set number of families or just launch it. New London started with a pilot program.
5. New/ Old business:  
Pat asked about volunteering to put up the data for waste tonnage and recycled tonnage on the white board at the TS. Jolene reported that the sign is hard to clean off. Pat will ask the NRRRA about getting a new sign.

Ginni sent an email to report that she has 3 sets of 30-gallon trash cans for recycling that she has ready to place around The Gazebo and Park during July 4<sup>th</sup>. She asked DPW to pick up the bags after the event but they said they were too busy. Pat and Ginni will gather the bags and get them to the TS on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia LaPree