

> Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee

> September 21, 2023

> Accepted Minutes

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> Present: Bonnie Christie, Pat LaPree, Ginnie Haines, Rosalie Smith,

> Liz Gilmore, MaryCarol Schaffrath, Andrea Folsom, Jeff Donohoe

> Absent: Diane Myler

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> 1. Meeting called to order by chair Bonnie Christie at 7:05pm Welcome

> new member Andrea Folsom

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> 2. Minutes of July meeting reviewed, a couple errors noted, and Bonnie asked to review at October meeting before accepting.

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> 3. New signs at Transfer Station. Discussion regarding an event (Recycle Right). It was noted signs are already up. Committee members could hand out information and answer questions as to what can be recycled. Andrea spoke about a postcard with recycling information. Information on event could be sent out in Susan Coverts email, posted on town website and our FB page. Andrea volunteered to be administrator of page. Bonnie will send out Doodle poll for event date.

> Discussion of stickers- are there new ones available. Also sticker enforcement.

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> 4. Update on recycling receptacles for Riverway Park. Ginnie reported

> that the ones she provided and labeled worked well, at a couple of events. A recycling receptacle is to be purchased using money from revolving fund. It will have 2 openings. Question as to where it should be located.

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> 5. Select Board discussion concerning composting. Bonnie gave update. Renewal composting is too expensive. What are next steps? Put together cost to compost at Transfer station. Currently unable to obtain comprehensive list of information on cost. Long discussion on pros and cons- additional permitting, where to locate, equipment and personnel needed.

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> 6. Hopkinton Webster transfer station agreement. No refuse disposal committee- to be run by select boards. They are in process of working out a plan.

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> 7. Budget schedule 11/13. Any requests for funding need to be submitted by date.

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> 8. Other. Liz spoke about plastic packaging problem, and shared example of a company using cardboard compartments. Rosalie mentioned trex benches from recycling plastic. One is at the library. Contact our representatives regarding plastic waste problem.

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> Next meeting Thursday October 19th at 7pm at the library.

> Ginnie motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat.

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> Respectfully submitted,

> MaryCarol Schaffrath