

Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee Accepted minutes November 16, 2023

Present: Pat LaPree, MaryCarol Schaffrath, Bonnie Christie, Jeff Donohoe, Liz Gilmore, Ginnie Haines, guest Meredith Hatfield

Absent: Diane Myler, Rosalie Smith, Andrea Folsom

Meeting called to order by Chair, Pat LaPree at 7:06pm

1. Minutes of October meeting accepted as written by Bonnie, seconded by Liz

2. Lengthy discussion about Transfer station budget for 2024, and anticipated increases in tonnage of waste and money needed. Where are increases in numbers derived from.

Discussion re: baler, vertical vs horizontal. Would this make a difference in amount of time and labor needed to bale recyclables. How would we propose and many questions need answers.

3. Our Facebook page has been updated. We will post information on this site as well as Susan Covert's email.

4. Education of public on waste reduction definitely a priority. Pat wrote article on Apparel Impact.

Ginnie and Meredith will write information on NRRRA comparisons of 9 towns who use pay by bag.

Residents need to see the comparison! We produce the most waste.

Ginnie moved the committee write articles to be sent in Susan Covert's emails the first Monday of each month, seconded by Bonnie. Unanimous vote. We will be identifying problems and offering solutions as well as updates on recycling and waste reduction issues.

5. Discussion on lack of compliance of green bags by Hopkinton residents. Could we design a sign to be placed at entrance to Transfer Station reminding Hopkinton residents that green bags are to be used? Bring idea to Select Board.

6. Bonnie brought to our attention a Container Deposit bill will be coming before the NH legislature.

7. Start thinking of goals for 2024.

?Understanding how CIP works and budgets.

There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting Thursday January 18, 2025 at 7pm at the library.

Bonnie moved to adjourn, Liz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

MaryCarol Schaffrath