



Town of Harpswell

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Recycling Committee Minutes

May 19, 2021

Members: Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Jeff Stann, Jack Stokinger, Bob Eaton, Dave Chipman

Meeting called to order: 4:15

Minutes from previous meeting April 21, 2021 were approved

New Business Discussion:

A. Results of John Gilliam Day

4180 LBS + 140 lbs late. Gina did thank you bags when you picked up bag with apple, snack, and water.

B. John Gilliam Day going forward: Dave Chipman wants to hand off the responsibility after doing it for years. More effort, town, conservation commission, people and been stuck inside.

1. would this committee or some of its members be willing to take this on? Mary Ann Nahf did a lot of early work; helped with arranging bags. Will continue to help Dave next year.

2. if so, what was Dave's plan for making it successful? early promotion and participation by many. Closest Saturday to earth day. Start early April.

C. Informing Harpswell residents of updates at center and how public will be impacted. Chuck will write up, send to committee, revise and send to Anchor. Upgrades will include better protective coating to prevent rust and corrosion.

D. Does Recycling committee need to meet during summer months because of updating center in process? No. Can be on call and have special meeting if necessary.

Future of operation:

1. encouraging development: Casella is considering "consignment recycling". Costs would depend on what we send each month which could reduce our costs. Casella is trying to accommodate towns that are trying. Towns sending marketable recycling materials are being penalized by performance of underperforming towns.

E. Articles for Harpswell Anchor

- 1. January**
- 2. February**
- 3. March**
- 4. April: John Gilliam day.**
- 5. May: Introduce new “where to put it” list with container markers**
- 6. June: information for short term renters using the Recycling Center**
- 7. July:**
- 8. August:**
- 9. September: shredding. George Barker**
- 10. October:**
- 11. November**
- 12. December**

F. Mission Statement: compare to other committees and consider length and complexity. Has town ever given us a charge of responsibilities limits rules etc. See committee guidelines from town. Review at October meeting along with election of chair and statement of objectives for the year.

Old Business:

- A. Defibrillator. Officially ordered today**
- B. Fire Department on site familiarization. Good meeting apr 28. 10 firefighters showed up. Very good attendance. Successful**

What’s happened to “list” . Waiting for labels, then send around for review and decide of we want to promote to rental market, residents, and place in anchor for individual use. Next Meeting: 10/20/21 unless decided otherwise above

Next meeting: October 20, 2021. We will elect Chariman for coming year and develop goals and objectives for the coming year.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30

Respectfully submitted

**Philip Conner
Chair**