



Town of Harpswell

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**Recycling Committee Minutes Draft
March 16, 2022 at 4:00 pm via Zoom**

Members: ✓Chuck Perow, ✓George Barker, ✓Philip Conner, Jeff Stann, ✓Jack Stokinger,
✓Bob Eaton, ✓Marge Webster Warren, ✓Gina Snyder, ✓Dave Chipman

Meeting called to order: 4:06

Approval of Minutes from 2/16/22 meeting.

We have one **Resignation** from the committee:

Jeff Stan effective 1 May. Jeff may be the longest serving member and has contributed much to the recycling center over the years. George will write an article expressing our appreciation of Jeff's long participation in the recycling effort in Harpswell and present it to the Select Board.

New members:

Marge Warren

Gina Snyder

New members and current members gave a brief summation of their backgrounds and interest in this committee.

New Business Discussion:

1. We talked about whether we should establish goals and objectives for this committee. There was only minor interest other than Bob suggested the need for all of us to be vigilant on new technologies that we might need/want to know about which is included in the new mission statement.
2. For future Anchor articles, send old list to committee and they can take a subject or suggest issue and Chuck can put them by month. Then I will recirculate to the committee. We will work with the Anchor to have a Recycling Announcements section for brief information about what residents need to know currently about Recycling Center.
3. We talked about offering clear trash bags for roadside clean up recycling and returnables for John Gilliam Day which is Sat April 23...next month. George stated the committee's position of helping on this effort but not assuming the leadership or responsibility for sponsoring this annual event. Dave and Chuck felt that much of the recyclable material and Returnables found along the road are too filthy to be useful; also both feel "simple is

better.” We discussed opening this up to wider trash/litter sources like water side, etc. but decided this would not be constructive. Again this year, we will help Dave; Jack will use his truck with hitch and tow Chuck’s trailer. Bob will use his truck and trailer. We will email more details before next meeting on 4/20 and finalize before 4/23 JG Day.

4. We discussed implementing a “WHERE TO PUT IT LIST” that is 2 lists of items to be disposed of: one list is alphabetic and one is the bin items go to at Recycling Center or otherwise. Chuck suggested we become familiar with Ecco Maine’s app. Members will update list and send back to me and I will send to Chuck and then add it to the recycling page of the town website. Chuck will add a sign at the Y referencing the list and Gina will create a QRCode for it which can be on the sign or posted on the bulletin board.
5. We briefly talked about whether the recycling center have a slogan. Bob suggest that we do and suggested “Cleanest trash in Maine”. Chuck suggested “Recycle or else...” More thought needed.
6. Next meeting on 4/20/22 will be Zoom unless prohibited by town.

Old Business:

7. Defibrillator has arrived and is installed but we should not use until staff if trained.

Next Meeting: 4/20/22. Zoom or in person.

Adjourn 5:00

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Conner
Chair