

# Recycling Committee Meeting

March 19, 2009

Gene Wyatt  
John Coyle  
Brian Whidden  
Jean Landis-Naumann  
Mike Rohr  
Katie Condon

- Meeting begins 7:07pm
- Our recycling info is ready to go on tax bill for April, 2009
- Gene brought letter to Board of Health about mandating recycling for private waste haulers, including suggested regulations-waiting for response
- Minutes accepted:
  - March 5 and January 27, 2009
- Soul Sisters is having a plant sale May 16 on 3A, Summer St.- Janna Morrissey offered that Recycling Committee could have table with handouts, tri-fold- Gene will ask to borrow tri-fold
- Brian will ask Silver Lake Recycling Club to create a new tri-fold display for us
- Jean will ask Garden Club if we could have presence at their plant sale in May, too
- Gene asks for plants to go near Abitibi bins at schools-Jean said Kingston Yacht Club wants to sponsor a plant project-she will try to connect these two
- Discuss having restaurants and businesses in town increase recycling
- Billboard Update: We can get \$300 from Mercury for billboard-Sharon is working on this
- Recycling Coordinator position:
  - Towns in Mass that are not recycling enough are getting fined by the DEP
  - Also the new trash rate with Seamass is coming sometime soon
  - Most all departments in Kingston are having cuts next year

- Could state fund position through stimulus money? How would we propose that or request funds? We will pursue this idea- Gene will call DEP-this idea could go right to Selectmen if we do have the revenue
  - April 4 Town Meeting will not have money issues on it
  - June Town Meeting will have all money issues, if we present this we will need to come up with the money from another place in the budget or another fund like EPA
- Also discuss changing wording of by-laws-
  - Mike suggests adding warrant article to change By-Laws to state that all Kingston residents must recycle (including those who use private haulers)
  - Brian will contact Claire and Gordon about new language to add to by-laws about recycling
- Paul is trying to get compactor for cardboard now that lawsuit is dismissed
- Discuss trying to promote recycling at Town and Country Homes
- Town is researching new contracts with Seamass and possibly renegotiating our contract before it expires
- Discuss going before Selectmen to discuss recycling
- Brian proposes going before the selectmen quarterly to update them on recycling efforts, achievements, and future endeavors related to recycling with a rotating presenter. This would occur in January, April, July, and October.
  - Motion was seconded and accepted unanimously
  - First presentation could be a summary of up to now
  - Gene will do April, Brian will do July
- Katie will call selectmen's office to see if we can attend 4/14 or 4/28-ask to be at end of agenda (after 8:00pm)
- Does website say books and redeemable cans can be recycled and that plastic bags can be recycled at stores? And add info about Salvation Army, Freecycle, Big Brother, Consignment shops, etc -Gene can update website
- Next meeting Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 at Town Hall
- Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm