

# Recycling Committee Meeting

Present:

May 14, 2009

Gene Wyatt

John Coyle

Jean Landis-Naumann

Katie Condon

- Voted to approve minutes from March and April meetings, Katie will send to Shelley at Town Clerk's office
- Sticker price for transfer station has increased:
  - Yearly:\$140
  - Senior: \$70
  - One day pass: \$10
- Board of Health responded to our letter
  - Said that our model in Plymouth was rescinded by the Town of Plymouth as an unworkable assignment
  - \*Katie-will contact Plymouth Health Department to find out what happened their policy to see where we can go from here
- DEP is going to be doing more spot-checks at Seamass and will mandate that Seamass do more spot-checks of their own, including funding for the checks, looking for recyclable materials
- Gene went to a meeting 5/13 by MassRecycles
  - Are trying to pass bottle bill for bottles that are currently non-redeemable, such as juice and water-80% of redeemable bottles are turned in, but only 20% of other bottles
  - Are looking to increase the handling fee for redemption agents and to reinstate the CEF (Clean Energy Fund) from bottles that are not recycled so money goes to green initiatives rather into the state general fund
- Motion made to have committee support bottle Bottle Bill H3515, Committee votes unanimously
  - Action items: Gene will discuss our vote when he goes before selectmen and give them information (including a sample letter), to ask for support and to send a letter to state legislature, and ask Shelley to put info on website
  - Jean will call Vinnie DeMacedo to ask for his support of bill

- Discuss recycling at Pottle St
  - Have not seen recycling bins at ball fields
  - Jean will ask Andy Davis
  - Gene had talked with baseball league and Boy scouts about redeeming cans from fields, not able to get bins from DEP
- Gene is writing an application for a grant from Home Depot to get a trailer to bring around to town events –suggest getting high school students involved if able to get trailer
- FOR\_Kingston Website (Friends of Recycling)-Gene has created website, but is having difficulty getting in touch with person who could get it up and running
- \*Gene spoke with a rep from DEP who has funded a recycling coordinator position 100% first year and 70% last year, Gene will follow up to find out more, could SSRC help up fill out grant proposal?
- Integrated Paper is not going to give us a compactor for cardboard now, referred Paul to McGuire Equipment that rents compactors
- Go Green Initiative is going at KES and KIS to increase recycling
- Town and Country-221 units-\$15,000 missed revenue, no recycling, how can we get them to recycle? Can WM pick up the recyclable material? John will ask Paul for more info on the arrangement. Maybe we could get them bins.
- Billboard update: nothing has happened lately, Katie will ask Sharon
- \*Kingston Arts Festival-June 27, asked if we wanted to have a booth there, Katie will ask about the set up, about putting up recycling bins, or an unmanned booth or only have booth part of the day, Katie, Jean (early am), and Gene could spend time at booth
- Check with Brian about poster about recycling
- Gene and Jean will be continuing on the committee, but Katie and John will not be continuing next year
- Gene will contact Nancy Howlett about getting on agenda for Selectman's meeting 5/26
- Next meeting 6/11 at 7:00pm-Katie will contact Town Clerk to reschedule meeting from our usual first Tuesday