

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2008

8:00-9:30pm

Present:

John Coyle

Michael Rohr

Katie Condon

Brian Whidden

Gene Wyatt

Jean Landis-Naumann

- Have a scale model of the TS area-wants to add models of the buildings of the TS reconfiguration
- Gene suggests borrowing another bin from SSRC member for cardboard
- Also suggests renting another bin-called a company
- Land next to the TS (old landfill) is useable, but new route 3 ramp is going to go right between the current TS and the landfill-may be a good spot for compost-also other group wants to put in ball fields, etc
- New option-Town of Holbrook just turned TS to private company and are saving \$1.7 million
- Plymouth is also looking to reconfigure their TS
- Discuss working with other towns and selling commodities as a regional venture-possibly Plymouth, Pembroke, Halifax, etc
- TS is possibly going to cut weekly hours it's open
- Considering Recycling Coordinator Position
 - To save town money-and cover expenses of position
- Brian proposes vote: Do we want to have our long-term focus to be to advocate for a 20 hour position for a recycling coordinator?
Seconded by Katie
- Discussion: Need to have a job description, will be a big job-but person will work under Paul, is it feasible to increase recycling within our space confines? Should we have a study to see if it's possible? Gordon recommended hiring a coordinator. A coordinator would have time to consider all the possibilities to increase recycling. Could list all the options available and give them to the selectmen and let the selectmen decide. We need someone devoted to recycling to promote and increase recycling to cover the cost of the position. Would need to create a thorough job description and qualifications and could participate in the hiring process
- Vote: Unanimously agreed on motion

- Need to get position in Paul's budget-has already been presented so needs to go to Financial Committee to be included in budget
- Budget is finalized by end of February
- Gene will call Fin Com to try to get on their agenda-call the chair Matt Hamilton
- Then we'll need to go to the selectmen to present our info
- Then we'll need to be able to present proposal at town meeting in April for start date July 1, 2009
- Need info to bring to committee
- Brian offers to make power point presentation of info
- Katie and Gene will get numbers together re: recycling rates, current tonnage, dollar amounts, current and future-lowball numbers (Ask Paul what most recent rates/ton are) (email to Brian)
- Gene will email Claire at SSRC- ask for info on other towns that have recycling coordinators and their success stories and salary rates, Does she have a video of info on recycling to run at town meeting?
- Ask Gordon and Claire to come to Fin Com meeting
- Gene will notify Paul of our vote (also ask Paul about changing sign to say break down boxes)
- Think of other ways that we can disseminate information about our proposal -think about who will be at the town meeting and who we need to target
- Brian talked to Bridgewater State College and they have externships where students go to sites for semester (starting in fall) and maybe a student could come work with committee or with recycling coordinator
- Friends of Recycling-town website not able to hold database, but can be done in another manner-Adam is working on setting it up with Shelley-Brian will follow up with Adam.
- Will start to contact papers with info and WATD radio (Ed)
- Jean will need someone to write text for tax bill
- Once we are set, we'll meet with Green Energy Committee
- Suggestion that Recycling Committee should be in charge of lottery of who gets the refunds from cans
- Next meeting: January 15, 7:00pm
- Future meetings will be 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm
- Katie will notify town clerk and selectmen's office of schedule
- Meeting adjourned 9:45pm