

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2007

10:30am-12:15pm

Present:

Brian Whidden

John Coyle

Michael Kohr

Jean Landis-Naumann

Katie Condon

Gene Wyatt

Absent:

Janna Morrissey

- discussed making a video on how to recycle both at home and at the transfer station, would put video on Kingston Public Access on PAC
- Want to educate town on what can be recycled and how to promote recycling at the Transfer Station
- Compactor will be hooked up at transfer station-when?
- Discussed Pay-as-You-Throw option
 - Developer is going to pay to have dump reconfigured
 - \$900,000 has been committed-will be \$1-2 million to reconfigure?
 - When is new configuration coming?
 - Could \$ be used for truck?
 - Will be 2 lanes into the new station-1 going past recycling and 1 not, with 6 lanes for trash, 1 trucks only
 - SEAMass contract expires in 2012, now cost is \$35/ton, could go up to \$100
 - Pay-as-you-throw has been very successful in Marshfield
 - Could we have volunteers at the station to help with recycling and enforcement of bags to assist TS workers
 - Could volunteers get a break on taxes or on the cost of a TS sticker?
 - Other volunteers could come from High School-students need to do 40 hours community service
 - Currently, cost of stickers does not cover costs at TS
 - Could TS be its own entity-self sufficient and well run
 - Would need to educate people to new process
 - Is it more environmentally friendly to have curbside pick-up?
 - This idea would have to go to selectmen to be approved
 - Additionally, could town be redemption center to make money instead of/in addition to donating \$ from cans
 - Is adding a Swapshop a possibility?

- Waste Management can come in and give figures for various options
- Want to look at different models-find a successful model for each-and find costs for each type
 - 1. Curbside pickup by town
 - 2. Curbside pickup by private company
 - 3. Transfer station (Wellesley is good model)
- FYI-Town and Country gets free Trash pickup
- Gene has been working with KES-50 recycling bins are coming along with educational materials
 - Mrs. McCarty is teacher contact
 - EPA is providing bins
- Look into getting antifreeze recycling machine for town
- Is it currently possible to get compost bins, recycling bins, and rain barrels through the town hall?
 - Can they be made available at cost?
 - Would they be tax deductible?
- Need to get town offices and employees recycling, too
- Publicity: can contact:
 - Patriot Ledger
 - Kingston Reporter
 - WATD
 - PAC-TV
- Can we have a Board at TS to update public on recycling rates and how much money it had saved or earned for the town
- Next Meeting Set for Saturday, January 5 at 10:30am (later reschedule for Sat, Jan 12 at 10:30am)

Plans:

- Mike: Invite Paul Basler to discuss budget, plans, support of alternative options, agreement with Thorndike
- Jean: Will invite Mr. Kelso of Marshfield if Paul Basler cannot attend
- Katie: Update town website and PAC TV of new recycling policy on plastics #1-7 and add paperboard to newspaper bins, Type up minutes and email to committee members
- Brian: Look into developing video on home recycling and contact media services at SLHS for assistance