

Recycling Committee Minutes
Jan 10 2022

Present: Victoria Simon, Dennis Kepner, Mark Graziano, Carol Libby, Kim Karchenes, Sally Sulloway

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

Minutes from previous meeting approved as amended.

Ordinance changes : Dennis changed wording to Edit 6, para 4.4, to include amendment dated 5/22/21 clarifying definition of Commercial Establishments.

Dennis suggests that the Recycling Committee's influence and consultancy should be stated in our mission and / or name, while acknowledging DPW's authority.

In Rules and Regulations, 4.3, Dennis will remove conflicting directives about timing for putting trash and recycling out.

Letter to Dean :

Discussion about the level of compliance by Commercial & Special Residences. It is proposed that we send a letter to these establishments about our concerns about their compliance.

Perhaps DPW has a database of the Commercial and Special Residences for us to see. Code Enforcement or Planning Dept probably have this info. Ask DPW if they know which establishments are not collecting recyclables for sending out and being sent to facilities. Kim recommends increasing and expanding our education role and reaching out to those not participating.

Mark agrees with sending a letter if we can get the database of places defined as Commercial and/or Special Residence.

Kim and Carol will work on revising the letter to Dean to include these efforts.

RC Budget: There is still \$2900 to be spent before June 30, 2022. The tagging program is suspended because Casella is not consistent about what materials are recyclable. The Committee continues to believe that tagging as direct feedback to residents, is a proven method for improving recycling by reducing contamination. Comparison made to EcoMaine which has an active and effective tagging program.

Victoria recommends that funds be allocated for a Plastic Up-cycling Community Art event. The Committee would co-sponsor artist Kim Bernard to spend a day in York turning plastic waste into art and educating the public on the environmental effects of plastic waste. Victoria will follow-up with York Library who will host the event and Kim Bernard to set a date.

Ideas for consideration as we think about education and the 2024 contract:

Pay-As-You-Throw: There are a lot of pros and cons. Carol suggests we create a task force.

Reduced frequency of pickup.

Mr Fox residential food scraps pickup.

Combination sticker from Town that includes use of the Witchtrot facility with Beach Parking.

Add a (dry) cardboard drop off at Witchtrot.

Next actions : Carol and Kim will work to refine letter to Dean. Dennis will continue to work on Ordinance language.

Future meeting s: We will continue to meet remotely for the near future.

The next meeting will be Jan 24 at 12 PM to accommodate Bridget's work schedule and to specifically discuss ways to use the balance of our budgeted funds.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes by

Sally Sulloway

Addendum: In consultation with Vice-Chair, Mark Graziano, an executive decision was made to continue meeting at 3 PM (rather than make the change to 12).