

TEWKSBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/18/13

Start Time: 6:44 PM

Attendees: Sean Czarniecki
Sandy Barbeau
Pam Meroski
Jae Gray

Visitors – None present

Approval of Minutes – Minutes of January 14 and January 19, 2013 approved.

Reports:

- Financial Report – Tabled.

Unfinished Business:

- Battery Collection Program – Box purchase voted on at last meeting.
- Patch Contest – Sean plans to have this up and running in March. He will look at old minutes to see what was agreed upon for prizes and will speak with Bill at the Patch.
- 2013 Earth Day event (April 20) – Kristin & Pam met on January 19. Pam plans to attend the Conservation Commission's education subcommittee this week, as they have expressed interest in doing something for Earth Day. Pam sent info to committees trying to get them there. Other people she has contacted include: Garden Club – native vs. invasives. Farmer Dave – East Street Farm Stand – greenhouses at state hospital (part of Community Sponsored Agriculture). Community Gardens declined. Shawsheen River Watershed Committee – she spoke with Bob Rauseo. She attempted to reach the high school (ECHO club perhaps), but no response so far. Kris Rogers should be contacted at the Wynn. The Green committee (Steve Sadwick) and the rail trail. Bee hive people. Organic lawn guy. Library. Pam's neighbor is nature photographer. Ira Toyota is going to bring Hybrid cars. RefoamIt will be there. Kristin was going to advertise and get a food truck. Pam will contact the Town Crier to kick things off and will check with DPW about rules for using the common (including use of electricity). Rent a tent? Check with Loretta about the church potentially having canopies and tables. TRC has two camp tables. Money will be needed for RefoamIt.
- Wendy's Fundraiser – December – Tabled.
- Nike Certificates – Loretta was supposed to get Sean names to put on certificates to recognize helpers. Tabled.
- Scholarships – Awards night is June 6. Applications due April 5. This year's application is up on the website. ConCom has interest in doing an environmental scholarship. This will also be discussed at the education subcommittee meeting this week. Sean will tell them about the TRC scholarship.

Correspondence Action – None

New Business:

- MassRecycle's R3 Conference – March 19 in Boxborough – If anyone wants to go and there is a cost, come back to the TRC with a motion.
- Patch Article regarding too much trash – A lot of complaints and ideas regarding trash beyond the trash cart volume.
- Light bulbs are being left at the library. There should be a sign for no light bulbs.
- Toxics Action Center Conference – March 10 - \$60 admits 2 people – motion made and approved.
- Discussed Lowell Sun recycling articles.

Next Meeting(s) – Next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 followed by Monday, March 18. This would be to allow for Kristin to attend some meetings. Meetings will begin at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned Time: 7:30 PM