

Committee: Tewksbury Recycling Committee

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Tewksbury Public Library

Members & Staff present: Sandra Barbeau, Toby Sedgwick, Patricia Coy, Lisa Stefano, Loretta Ryan

Members not present: Jae Gray, Jay Kelly

The meeting was called to order at: 6:33 pm

Minutes from the September 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with no adjustments.

(Date)

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Reports:

Financial Report: No updates

Battery Recycling Program: Sandy ~ Thank you to the DPW which moved the wooden box from the library lobby. There is now one small cardboard collection box, which is half full, that we will eventually prepare to send out. Posters are on display explaining new collection information. There are fewer alkaline batteries being dropped off now, which is good news. We will get a smaller bin for ongoing recyclable battery collection.

Social Media Update: Will post new information about battery collection

Unfinished Business:

Grant: Sandy ~ Exciting news that we got the grant for \$10,800! Town Manager will determine how it will be used toward a recycling activity. We will aim to apply again next year.

Correspondence: no recent questions or comments

New Business:

Package Batteries: no date set at this time. Will monitor collection box and schedule as needed.

Inventory List: in the works

Zero Waste Day Update: Huge turn out! The collection trucks were filled, weather was great. Next year will be 10th year of event. Thank you to Recycling Committee for providing tote bags. Thank you to Jay Kelly for bringing boxes of batteries to donate.

Fall Festival: We did not participate. Consider table in 2018.

Curbside pick up of Textiles and Home goods: Loretta and Sandy spoke to Town Manager regarding the organization Simple Recycling. Simple Recycling provides bags that residents would fill with clothes, towels, small appliances and put curbside on their recycling pick up day. Simple Recycling then sorts items to sell, reuse, or repurpose. Benefits are that there is a small compensation to the town and it would divert these types of items from the waste stream. Potentially hoping to offer this program in Tewksbury in the future.

Open Discussion:

Welcome to our new member, Lisa!

Festival of Trees: at our next meeting, select a day/time to have some committee members set up tree
Scholarship Application: Discussed some ideas to revise application. At our next meeting, review application for 2018, consider changes.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at: _____

(Office)

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:17 pm

Next meeting:

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Tewksbury Public Library

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Sedgwick

(Signature)

Minutes approved by Committee on: November 14, 2017

(Date)