

## TOWN OF KINGSTON, MA RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Minutes –April 4, 2023

Chairman Jean Landis Naumann called the in-person and online meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Attendees: Jean Landis Naumann, David O’Connell, Gene Wyatt

Also in attendance was Todd Koep, MAC from DEP

The minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting was approved (3-0).

The members discussed the various options for purchase of home collections buckets.

**Voted: to authorize purchase of 50 3.5 gallon and 50 2.0 gallon collection buckets and screw-on lids from Uline for a total not to exceed \$2,000. (3-0)**

The members discussed how to publicize this pilot and encourage residents to participate. Black Earth has provided many handouts and Paul will have copies made. Jean will ask Paul about location and placement of the collection bins by Black Earth. Jean will design draft handout for review by committee members then ask Moderator to allow distribution at Town Meeting 4/29.

The members reviewed details for a 1-day Swap event at the Recycling and Disposal Center. June 3 was selected with June 4 as a rain date. Hours will be 9:00 am – 3:00 pm to allow for set-up and clean-up. Jean will provide a pop-up canopy for the receiving table. There will be tables for children’s items, books, household goods, and sports equipment. Each item will need to be approved before it goes on the table. Committee members and volunteers will staff the event. Publicity was discussed. Jean will make labels for the tables and Paul will have them laminated.

The old Swap Shop trailer will be cleaned out on June 1 and 2. Usable items will be added to the 1-day event and the rest recycled/trashed. This will be another opportunity to promote the organics collection pilot, plastic bag ban, and solicit volunteers for a new permanent Swap Shop. Jean announced she has 2 volunteers for a permanent Swap Shop and will ask if they can help with the 1 day event 6/3.

Jean will follow up with Paul on the estimate of costs for new signs at the recycling and Disposal Center. Jean will follow up with the MAC in southeastern Massachusetts which covers New Bedford and Fall River on sign images.

Jean reported the reusable shopping bag order is in production and delivery is expected April 18.

Jean reviewed the topic of the Talking Trash webinar and the replay link has been sent to the committee members.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to halt discussion of hiring a compliance officer until a new Health Agent is hired.

Jean reported balances of \$26,177.76 in RDP grants and \$4,723 in SEMASS grants. The upcoming expenses for the Plastic Bag Ban implementation and Organics Collection pilot will utilize much of

these funds. Gene will consider purchases to use the remainder of \$14.45 in a previous school grant account. Jean will contact the library about the purchase of repair kits to include in the Library of Things.

Jean will schedule a meeting with Paul to review all items discussed that require his assistance.

The members discussed the best way to provide residents with a cost comparison of RDC fees versus private hauler fees.

Jean announced the next SSRC meeting will be April 12 at Norwell Town Hall and Zoom at 9:00 AM. The SSRC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will be held May 16 11:30-2:30 at Lovell Arena, 120 Bill Delahunt Drive, Rockland.

Jean announced she had the flyers for the mattress collection, tire collection and HHW collection posted on the town web site.

The members discussed the article All About Plastic that explains what plastic can be processed by the local MRFs. Todd recommended that residents use the Recyclopdia for definitive answers on what can be recycled locally. The information contained on that link is a compilation of research by DEP.

Jean mentioned the valuable information available on the DEP web site under Waste Characterization Studies.

Todd announced that the 2023 RDP Worksheet and Approved Spending Categories is now available on the DEP web site.

The next meeting will be in-person and on-line on April 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month whenever possible.

Jean mentioned the information available on Open Meeting rules and updates online.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2 at 9:00 am both in-person and Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Landis Naumann