Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 9. 2020

Present via Zoom:

Kate and Bob Fitzcharles, Sally and John Chapell, Donna Joss, Therese Johnson

Old business:

Pay per Bag- The decision was made no to put PPB to a vote at next year's town meeting. We will try to get it on the ballot for the election prior to town meeting 2021. Public education will start in Jan. 2021. We will revisit to this topic late fall.

Hauler's license-Formal licensing of local haulers will be put on hold for now pending PPB. We will concentrate our efforts on the return to multi-sort recycling.

Multi-sort recycling- The committee will draft a letter to the new BOS reiterating the potential financial benefits of multi-sort recycling.

LD2104- Chrissy Adamsovizc of the Natural Resources Council of Maine has offered to speak with the committee about this bill and getting the town's support.

New business:

Rotary meeting-Sally and Therese participated in a Zoom meeting with our local Rotary Club. The Rotary may open up another committee to deal with environmental concerns. We may be able to enlist their help with multi-sort and PPB.

Concerns- A committee member mentioned they had observed out of state people using the transfer station without stickers. Should this be brought to the attention of Dave Madsen? (Dmadsen@bridgtonmaine.org)

Meeting minutes- Georgeanne Fleck has requested all committee meeting minutes and agenda be sent to Nicki Hansen one week prior to the next meeting, thus enabling the public to join in.

LTE's-Sally is submitting an article in Earth Notes about roadside trash in the next Bridgton News. Donna has offered to do the LTE for August. Possible future topics include the increased burden placed on the environment by Covid19, composting, and multi-sort recycling.

Next meeting: Aug.13th at 7 PM via Zoom.