
Recycling Committee Meeting

Friday, 12/17/2021 @ 9:00 AM

Bridgton Town Office Downstairs Conference Room

Attendees

Sally Chappell (Chairperson), Kate Fitzcharles, Therese Johnson, Maureen McDevitt, Lisa (Community Member), and Maureen Harpell (Future Member)

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM
2. Approval of minutes - Unanimous

New Business

3. Discussion of meeting virtually or in person
 - a. Sally's daughter in law in Gray has virtual meetings for town committee
 - b. We are only an advisory committee
 - c. We are in the middle of a pandemic
 - d. Ruling for Maine Municipal is being misinterpreted. The legislature need to revisit this to clarify
 - e. Rick Bennett and Walter Risemman will look into this
 - f. This board policy came down in July when covid cases were under control
 - g. Maureen H. will draft a letter to Town Manager, Select Board, Rick Bennett, Walter Riseman with a copy to Niki Hamlin and Georgeanna Johnson
 4. Minutes and agenda now need to be posted two weeks prior to meeting
 5. Therese spoke to Carol Rothenberg regarding presenting our Powerpoint presentation of PPB,
 - a. LRHS has given permission for students to participate
 - b. One option is a debate session
 - i. Civics
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ii. Environmental

6. PPB has been brought up several times. We tried to go back to multi-sort vs. single sort, but we were shut down by the Select Board
7. Other options considered
 - a. Pay per pound
 - b. Punch card
8. Recycling rate has been holding steady at around 20%, even after single sort was adopted by the town
9. We should look into getting grants for compost bins
10. Meetings with groups for education for PPB
 - a. December 29 - CDC
 - b. January 25 - Conservancy Resource Group
 - c. February 2 - Ordinance Review Committee

Action Items

1. Maureen H. will draft a letter to Town Manager, Select Board, Rick Bennett, Walter Riseman with a copy to Niki Hamlin and Georgeanna Johnson - regarding changes to meeting ordinance
2. Work with Farmer's Market on compost
3. Speak to Zero Waste to have Steve L. attend a meeting

Next Meeting

February 10, 2022 @ 6:15 PM - Bridgton Town Office Downstairs Conference Room