

Bridgton Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2022

Present: Sally Chappell, Donna Joss, Therese Johnson, Kate Fitzcharles, Maureen Harpell, and committee liaison Bob McHatton. Rachel Miller and Maureen McDevitt were present via Go to Meeting as was Steve Lisauskas from Waste Zero. Also, in attendance was Emily Baker of AM Enterprises.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15.

February minutes were approved as read.

A public hearing was held to accept the Recycling Committee's Remote Meeting Policy. The meeting began at 7:25 PM on March 16, 2022. There were no questions, and the policy was accepted as written at 7:30PM.

Discussion with Steve L. from Waste Zero in regards to PPB pricing, options and distribution of the town's bags:

- 30 gal and 15 gal bags would cost the town 35 and 22 cents respectively
- They would manufacture the bags, help with design, storage and delivery to participating outlets, as well as promotion of PPB to the community.
- Pricing provides the incentive to recycle
- Revenue offsets the cost of waste disposal for the town
- Steve will be at the BOS meeting on Tues., Mar. 22nd.

Old business-

Update from Bob McHatton:

- PPB will be on the June ballot for a referendum vote
- BOS approved the committee's budget of \$1,500-\$2,000 for the promotion of PPB and public education.
- Linda Lacroix will assist with mailings
- Department head approved the committee's recommendation of new signage for the compost pile at the transfer station.

Rotary Interact initiative:

- Therese reported that a phone call has been put out to the liaison.
- We will present our PPB power point presentation to the students in April to promote Interact involvement in recycling.

PPB education:

- Moving forward, all Recycling Matters articles should incorporate PPB.
- Sally will write about aluminum cans and Maureen will write about what is recyclable.
- Maureen D. suggested putting articles on the Bridgton Community page
- Maureen H. will post the articles on her Bridgton Recycles page.
- Maureen H. will reach out to contributors Laurie LaMontagne, Leigh Hayes, and Perry Black of the Lake Living publication.

- LRTV special on Composting with Kate, Donna, and Maureen H. tentatively scheduled for April 24th at 1PM at Maureen H.'s home.

Emily Baker of AM Enterprises:

- Will be hosting an Earth day cleanup in Bridgton at the Community Center April 23 from 3PM -5PM.
- First 100 to sign up receive T shirts and a \$12 voucher to use at the food truck after clean-up.
- Recycling Committee members will be in attendance

Committee member suggestions and concerns:

- Kate suggested meeting twice a month between now and June
- Members agreed on 4/7 and 4/20
- Sally suggested inviting Linda Lacroix to our next meeting
- Bob M. stated the upstairs meeting room could be used if needed.

Next meeting:

April 7th at 6:15 PM