

**11 August 2022 / 6:15 PM**

#### ATTENDEES

Therese Johnson, Maureen Harpell, Maureen McDevitt, with Sally Chappell and Rachel Miller on "Go to meeting"

#### AGENDA

##### **Last Meeting Follow-up**

1. Call to order
  - a. 6:27 pm
2. Approval of minutes 7/14/22
  - a. 4/20 approval by Maureen H, Second by Therese
  - b. Possible alternative names for our committee - This needs to be brought before the Town Manager and the Select Board
    - i. Bridgton Recycling and Resilience
    - ii. Bridgton Recycling and Sustainability
    - iii. Bridgton Recycling and Sustainability Advisory Committee
      1. It was decided to wait until November to change our name. We will also wait to give out any awards until we change the name. That way, the publicity for the award will coincide with our name change.
  - c. Discussion of Grady's Motel business award for environmental sustainability.
    - i. Wait until November when we do our name change.
  - d. Discussion of opportunities for promoting PPB/Farmer's Market/Fall Festival.
    - i. Farmer's market didn't work well. Most people who go to the farmer's market are already recycling
    - ii. Fall Festival to be held on 9/17/2022 from 2-10 on Depot Street. Maureen and Therese will help out. Kate and Maureen H. have company, but will try to come by for a bit.
      1. Information from ecomaine
      2. Laminated PPB fact sheets
      3. Composting Demo
      4. Bag prices? \$.75 and \$1.25



- e. Next recycling matters letter - Not discussed

### 3. Committee members concerns and public comments

- a. Question on whether Pine Tree goes to Casella and then to landfill. This is due to the fact that during the shutdown our trash went to Pine Tree.
- b. Do recyclables go to Ecomaine during the shutdown? Kate will investigate.
  - i. Should we use PPB when Ecomaine shuts down?
- c. Tonnage for recycle and trash in June
  - i. 239 tons of MSW to Pinetree
  - ii. 49 tons recycling
- d. Maureen will talk to Ecomaine regarding pricing, check to see if Pinetree goes to landfill, and information on shutdowns.
- e. Should we do postcards for each Bridgton resident?
  - i. Maureen will check with Steve from Waste Zero regarding postcards.
  - ii. How soon before vote should we send out postcards?
- f. New sign is up at the transfer station for recyclables.
- g. Town is still not using recycling containers at events.
  - i. Does a letter still go out?
  - ii. What is the town policy as far as education for recycling at events? Bob will check.
- h. Check with businesses to see if they would write a letter about PPB. Check also to see if businesses use the transfer station or a dumpster.
  - i. Ask Grady's to write a letter.
  - ii. Talk to LEA - Sally
  - iii. Talk to Loon Echo Trust - Therese
  - iv. Talk to Moose Pond Association - Rachel will put information on bulletin board at boat landing and talk to the association.
- i. Environmental Stewardship Grants brought up by Rachel
  - i. Looking into the state grants around sustainability, Rachel found that Bridgton is already a member of the state's Community Resilience Partnership program, through which Bridgton has also received a Community Action Grant for a project titled "Town of Bridgton Open Space Plan."
  - ii. Norway is also a member of the Community Resilience Partnership and also received a Community Action Grant for a project titled "Laying the Groundwork for Comprehensive Climate Action in Norway."
  - iii. If two or more member communities partner together they can apply for even more than a single community can apply for -- up to \$125,000. Potentially we could partner with a nearby community like Norway or Harrison for an even larger grant that helps further our goals.



- iv. We decided to invite Torri to the next meeting in order to hear about the state-funded grant project and to better understand the town's priorities when it comes to resilience and sustainability.
  - v. Harrison has a climate change committee. We could possibly work with Harrison for a grant.
- j. Sally will invite Tori to our next meeting to discuss grants. We need to put together a list of specific questions for her.

4. Adjournment and set date for next meeting

- i. Adjourned at 7:45 pm
- ii. Next meeting will be on September 8.

