

Bridgton Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

Present: Sally Chappell and Rachel Miller via Go to Meeting, Maureen McDevitt, Donna Joss, Therese Johnson, Kate Fitzcharles, Bob McHatton, Tory H.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

Minutes: The August minutes were accepted as read. Donna moved, Therese seconded, all approved.

Old Business:

Grants- We invited Tory H. from the town CDAC to attend. She spoke about the government funded Open Space Grant and the Community Resiliency Partnership program. There is a way to map out our public lands, their various uses, implementation and funding. Public lands are important to our town. Tory will ask at her first meeting with the consultant how the committee can be of help. Rachel and Therese would like to see collaboration with other groups like LEA, Loon Echo, etc. and their support for our committee's initiatives as well. Sally suggested inviting Kevin Raday and Margaret Sanborn to a meeting.

Fall festival and PPB-The Fall Festival is 9/17 from 2PM -10PM. Maureen McDevitt will get there at 2 PM to set up and bring information and give-aways. Donna Joss will come at 2:30PM and Therese will arrive at 3PM. Kate and Maureen Harpell have other obligations. It was decided that we would have a presence there from 2-5PM.

New Business:

PPB vote-Bob McHatton stated the BOS voted in favor of publicly supporting PPB on the November ballot.

Next recycling Matters letter: Kate and Therese will co-write an article highlighting the increasing cost of handling our waste and the potential savings of PPB.

Committee questions and concerns:

Kate clarified that during times Ecomaine is down for repairs/cleaning our trash is handled by Pine Tree Waste, taken to Casellas, and landfilled.

Various members had concerns over low recycling rates. Tory suggested a sign at the TS listing the tipping fee for trash and recyclables. Donna suggested-“It cost you” and the prices per ton.

Bags prices-Will be [1.25@for](#) 30gal. bags and [.75@for](#) 13 gal. bags. The average household uses 2.5 bags per week.

Mailings: Steve from Zero Waste suggested postcards with a link to our website. Committee members felt we needed to list key points on the cards as well. We need to figure in the cost of the post cards, mailing(town rate) and the mailing list(the town has this). Therese will check into this.

Next meeting-September29th at 6:15

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Fitzcharles