

Bridgton Recycling Committee

Nov 10, 2022 Meeting

Present: Sally Chappel, Rachel Miller, Maureen McDivitt (via Zoom) Maureen Harpswell, Therese Johnson, Donna Joss, guests Patty Howard, Lauren Roy and Susie Butler

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sally Chappel at 6:35 p.m. Patty Howard was invited to express her interest in the Recycling Committee and her experience with recycling and the waste industry. Therese Johnson expressed the Committee's appreciation for Ms. Howard's review of the Pay-Per-Bag campaign.

Therese Johnson reported on the results of her meeting with the Town Manager and Select Board members. A very positive meeting with good support from the Town Manager re PPB.

Sandwich Boards are now at the Transfer Station for use by the Committee. Discussion followed regarding the information that will be put on the boards, by whom and frequency of change of data. Rachel Miller suggested that data should be relevant to each individual Transfer Station user, for example the cost per person to dispose of each bag of household trash vs. cost to recycle a similar bag of recyclables.

A name change for the Committee was briefly discussed, including the need to identify mission and goals. Goals were suggested including:

Composting Education

Promote the Transfer Station Store

Encourage the use of reusable bottles (fewer plastic bottles)

Improve signage at Transfer Station (TS)

Reduce costs, increase revenue at TS

Invite Chamber of Commerce, LEA to send a liaison member to Committee Meetings

Implement 29 Ideas to Bring Recycling into the Classroom

Involve School Clubs

Compost campaign, sell compost barrels at reduced cost to increase backyard composting

Roadside cleanup on a regular schedule

Signs re: NO LITTERING

Further discussion of goals and name change will follow at future meetings.

Sally's excellent statement re:PPB in the Bridgton News (BN) made the front page Sally will write a thank you letter to the BN acknowledging their assistance and support.

Susie Butler and Lauren Roy will reach out to students in the Middle School. Both will be added to the Committee's mailing list.

Next Meeting: Dec 8, 2022 .

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

