

Bridgton Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 2/9/2023 @5 PM Bridgton Town Office Downstairs Conference Room

Attendees: Sally Chappell, Kate Fitzcharles, Therese Johnson, Maureen Harpell, Maureen McDevitt and Carrye Castleman-Ross, liaison with the Bridgton Selectboard. Absent: Rachel Miller, Donna Joss.

1. Call to order at 5:10 PM

2. Carrye Castleman -Ross was introduced and welcomed as our new liaison with the Bridgton Selectboard. The committee expressed appreciation for Bob McHatton and his great work with us.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Unanimous approval of January 19, 2023, minutes following a motion by Maureen Harpell.

4. The committee discussed a recent letter to the Bridgton News related to the failed Pay Per Bag campaign. Maureen Harpell and Maureen McDevitt will coordinate a response to Recycling Matters in the next edition of the newspaper.

5. Sandwich Board Update: Maureen McDevitt delivered the sandwich boards to the transfer station. It is uncertain whether they are being used to state the cost of recyclables versus solid waste. Maureen M. will check on this.

6. Roadside Clean up: Therese explained Rotary's interest in working with others on a cleanup in April. Members feel that we could be coordinating with Emily Baker of A and M Trash in Harrison. Harrison has a successful multiyear project that has also worked in Bridgton. Sally described another model, Roadside Rangers, in Wells and Kennebunk. Therese will call /contact Rotary and Emily Baker for added information.

7. Apparel Impact: The committee is interested in considering this option to increase recycling of textiles. Therese will call the group and ask about attendance at an upcoming meeting.

8. Opportunity Alliance Workshop: This Bridgton Collaborative workshop will be held on March 7 at the Magic Lantern. Carrye is registered to attend. Other committee members may as well.

9. Annual Report: Sally will develop and submit the required report to the town by March 31, 2023.

10 Recycling Matters Letter: The next letter will be a response to the BN letter of this week. Please see above. A discussion followed on the importance of other means, including Face Book, publicize the committee's work. Carrye will add this to her to Face Book page which is distributed to many.

11. Committee Concerns and Comments:

Sally attended a recent CDAD meeting. Some of the plans and issues from the Recycling Committee were discussed and supported. Signage at the transfer station was discussed and suggestions for improvements were made. We are hoping to gather more information on composting options to include Agricycle , working with the food pantry and encouraging the use of imperfect produce . Kate would like us to prioritize our plans to better ensure we are able to accomplish goals.

12. Adjournment at 6: 25 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 9, 2023 at 5 PM.

Submitted by Therese Johnson