

## **Bridgton Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2023**

Present:; Maureen McDevitt, Donna Joss, Sally Chappell, Rachel Miller, Therese Johnson, Irene Pound Fitzgerald. Absent: Kate Fitzcharles, Maureen Harpell, Carrye Castleman-Ross.

Call to Order at 5:10 PM.

Minutes of March 9, 2023 were approved.

Maureen McDevitt and Sally Chappell attended **the Ecomaine Award ceremony** on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Grady's Motel was chosen for an award and received two Adirondack Chairs. Lunch followed. Although the recipients were unable to attend, the Committee plans on contacting them in person to celebrate the award. The date is to be determined.

Committee members are invited to join the **Bridgton Area Rotary Club on Saturday to clean up** a portion of Kansas Road. The group will meet at 9 AM at the Community Center.

A discussion about **the boat shrink wrap problem** was held. Local newspapers have been covering this issue. It was decided to speak to local legislators about possible approaches to address the problem. Sally will approach Sen. Rick Bennett.

Rachel spoke about her work to write a **letter about EPR**. It is a much more complex topic than we understood. She will continue this work.

Sally, Therese and Maureen attended meetings of **the Selectboard and CDAC** where recycling in general and support for Impact Apparel were discussed. The Board is requesting a presentation by Joe Whitten, IP. Therese emailed Carrye about how to best approach this. She is awaiting a response. Donna feels we can work more cooperatively with the transfer station staff to promote needed changes. The Chamber of Commerce has invited us to develop a display for their window downtown. Members will work on this. We hope to work with Carrye about some of the suggestions that involve the town.

New attendee, **Irene Pound Fitzgerald raised several issues and suggestions**. These included more work with the schools and possible available grants. She also feels that we could work with the high school's Environmental Group.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Next Meeting: May 11 at 5PM

Submitted by Therese Johnson