

Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee

Accepted minutes February 15, 2024

Present: Pat LaPree, Bonnie Christie, MaryCarol Schaffrath, Diane Myler, Liz Gilmore, Andrea Folsom, Jeff Donohoe

Absent: Ginnine Haines, Rosalie Smith

Meeting called to order by Chair, Pat LaPree at 7:07 pm

1. Minutes of November 2023 meeting accepted as written by Diane, seconded by Bonnie.
2. No meeting in January 2024 due to no quorum.
3. Discussion about changing meeting time. Pat moved we change time from 7 to 6:30, seconded by Andrea. Vote unanimous.
4. Review of Budget-Liz sent letter to Select Board with questions. No response yet. She attended meeting of Select Board. Not enough money for Transfer Station. Petition Warrent Article re: charges to dispose of trash.
5. Andrea made a motion we send letter to Select Board thanking them for all they have done addressing our suggestions, seconded by Bonnie, all agree.  
Bonnie will write.
6. Bonnie sent email re: CIP and TransferStation- horizontal bailer. No response yet.
7. Bonnie gave Legislative update. There has been Bipartisan discussion on problem of waste in NH- extended producer responsibilities; Skip the Stuff and Bottle bill to Interim study.
8. Goals and objectives of committee for 2024 a. Community Education is most important, moved by Pat, seconded by Andrea. Vote unanimous. Perhaps quarterly public education meetings.  
b. Monthly articles in Susan Covert's town email and our FB page - tips to reduce waste.  
c. Handout for Town Meeting-Andrea will mock up and circulate to committee.
9. Andrea gave update on reusable utensils at Maple Street school. A work in progress. Utensils being put in trash. Discussing ways to improve outcomes.  
Composting is ongoing.
10. Select Board has approved increase in fee schedule for disposal of items at Transfer Station, some of which have had no charges in the past. Needs to be approved by Webster.
11. No meeting on March 21 as this is Town Meeting night. Considering another date. Pat will check with library as to available space.  
Next meeting Wednesday March 20th at 6:30pm at the library.
12. Andrea moved to adjourn, seconded by Diane. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

MaryCarol Schaffrath