

Hopkinton Waste Reduction Committee
Draft minutes March 20, 2024

Present: Pat LaPree, MaryCarol Schaffrath, Ginnie Haines, Bonnie Christie, Diane Myler, Liz Gilmore, Andrea Folsom
Guests: Ruby Foggy, MaryJo MacGowan
Absent: Jeff Donohoe, Rosalie Smith

Meeting called to order by Chair Pat LaPree at 6:38pm

1. Minutes of February 15, 2024 accepted as written by Bonnie, seconded by Liz.
2. Town meeting planning. Andrea wrote list of ways to reduce waste. We will have printed sheets available at meeting. Bonnie will bring 2 boxes, one for each door to recycle papers.
3. Earth Day planning. Document shredding truck coming to Town Hall in April.
We will try to coordinate annual clean up day on same date. Ginnie will check on date. We would like April 13, 20 or 27 if possible. Ask Lyons if able to clean river bank behind gazebo and if willing to pick up filled bags at end of event. Bonnie will ask DOT if they could pick up bags. She will also check on supplies.
Ask participants to note location of large items and we can contact DPW to pick up. Bonnie will revise poster. Pat will bring tick spray.
4. Letter of appreciation to Select Board. Bonnie wrote letter on behalf of committee. Diane moved to accept letter as written, seconded by Andrea.
Unanimous vote in favor. Bonnie will send to Neal.
5. Community Education- Let's Talk Trash, topic and date.
Try to schedule before end of school year. Possibly in May. Pat will check to see when community room is available. Promote through schools and PTA.
Andrea will check with Joe at Apparel Impact to see if he would be available to speak. Bonnie moved that Topic be called Fast Fashion, Fast Trash, seconded by Pat. Unanimous vote in favor.
6. NRRRA Conference is June 3 and 4. 15% discount before April 9. Pat will check with Neal as to how many members Town will pay for.
7. Update from Ginnie on recycling transition bins. Send letter to Neal. There are a variety of types of bins. Put where visible. Bonnie moved to accept, seconded by Andrea. ? Include with May Community Education event.
8. Pat submitted Backyard composting information for Susan Covert's town newsletter, which will be available before Town Meeting.

Next meeting Thursday April 18 at 6:30 pm at the library.

Andrea moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bonnie.
Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryCarol Schaffrath

Sent from my iPad