

Dover Recycling Committee Minutes 4/7/08

Attendees: Abby Howe, Becky Gladstone, Christine Heer, Roz Malcolm, Scott Seidman, Fran Aikman, Kerry O'Brien

1. We approved minutes of 3/24/08
2. Treasurer's report: Fran Aikman indicated she will reorganize report to indicate debits and credits by each account. A check to Girl Scouts from Bullards will be reissued. We received the \$600 credit. Fran will contact the Dover Democrats re July recycling; April is assigned to Cub Scouts and May to Powissett Garden Club. Prices of recycling bins are \$12 vs. \$6 current cost. Fran will contact Kathy Muiza of DEP to see if she knows where less expensive ones are available.
3. Recycling on the field. Abby has requested that Craig put barrels back on the playing fields. He will remind Dave McTavish about leaving the recyclables for Wade to sort.
4. Signage/articles for paper/town website/earth 911.
The committee reviewed Abby's revisions for recycling signage to be posted at recycling bins. Becky thought plastics should receive greatest emphasis in the article. Christine asked to work on website changes, while Roz will work on Earth 911.
5. Schools report from Becky Gladstone and Kerry
Becky met with Chickering custodian, Steve, regarding cardboard collection, who confirmed it is not being done because recycling shed is too full. They discussed obtaining another 8' by 12' shed for cardboard and plastic, using part of the 5th grade class gift to fund purchase price of approximately \$1,000 (Home Depot). Kerry discussed cardboard with Ralph, who is also happy to get a new shed at a discount. We need to confirm funding source for the shed, perhaps the Town account.

Kerry also discussed the Earth Month challenge to recycle lunch materials at the high school. She met with Ralph and Buddy of the high school to discuss single stream plastics recycling from the cafeteria and incorporate an educational component in this task. Issues involve how to get rid of liquid in milk containers. She will obtain clear bags for the project and hopes to kick off on Earth Day, April 22, or after vacation, beginning May 1 (Wed, Thur, Fri) 3 days in a row at the high school and middle school. She needs a vote to pay for bags, probably 56 gallon size. Abby noted we are receiving 6 more cannables with state grant money which could use liners.
6. Earth Day Swap Shop Cleanup. Christine wants to clean up, clear out and organize the swap shop on April 19. She will order some new shelving.

Committee members will meet there at 9:00 wearing their Dover Recycles t-shirts.

7. New deposit trailer is less functional than the old one. The committee will look into it while we are at the Transfer Station April 19th.
8. Town Committees can have a hand out available at Town Meeting May 5th. Christine is going to work on this.
9. Becky pointed out that two old houses (120 Centre and 3 Farm) were going to be torn down. Christine will call a construction salvage company to see if they are interested.
10. Next meeting 5/5/08, 8:15 at the Highway Garage.