

Dover Recycling Committee
Minutes 5/5/08

Present: Abby Howe, Roz Malcom, Becky Gladstone, Christine Heer, Fran Aikman, Meredith Birdsall

Minutes of 4/7/08 were approved.

Treasurer's Report / Deposit Trailer. Treasurer's report handed out. Christine gave bills to Fran for new Swap Shop bookshelves. Abby gave bill to Fran for \$1,010 for new Transfer Station signage. Discussed possibility of having money in the account to help fund the purchase of another recycling shed for Chickering. Fran is investigating recycling bins. Inquiring with DEP and 2 other companies.

Town Wide Clean Up Recap: John reported that 270 – 300 people helped out. The sorting of recyclables took approx, 1 ½ hours at the Transfer Station, thanks to the DRC volunteers and the 5 or so middle-school aged Boy Scouts. Everyone seemed to have enough bags. Powissett Street needed more volunteers; next year we'll try to get the Trustees of Reservations involved. Other areas of concern were the Medfield end of Centre Street and the Needham line of Dedham Street. Volunteers to call for those areas for next year should be Jenny Newport (102 Centre Street) and Anne Carroll (corner of Westfield and Dedham St.). The American Legion/Library grounds were also neglected; we suggested a young Brownie troop (Sharon Paul's) to take this area over next year. Dover Days in September will be a great way to promote Clean-Up '09. We will establish the date before then and create a poster with Coordinator Sign-ups.

DARP Status: DARP stands for Department Approved Recycling Program. Our status has been extended for 1 more year.

Recycling on Town Fields: Abby reported that the recycling bins are on the fields. The bags are picked up and then placed in front of the #1-7 bin at the Transfer Station, where Wade sorts them. No known problems with this system have occurred as of this meeting.

Swap Shop: New shelves for books are great. Larger signage for other shelves would help keep the area more organized. Christine said she could work on this.

Schools: Becky discussed the need for another storage shed to house cardboard, since Chickering has not been recycling this valuable commodity. We discussed investigating a vocational school to build one, since they are selling at over \$2,000. Kerry received an email from Casella about contract renewal, and will investigate further.

New Deposit Trailer: Consensus is that it is hot, dark and cavernous. The ramp seems too steep and potentially dangerous. Discussed with Wade about popping in a window for ventilation and painting the inside white for more light. Had a conversation with Craig Hughes during the meeting and he was going to investigate. We could place a step near the trailer rather than a ramp.

New Transfer Station Signage: The signs are in and look great. Craig Hughes said that they will put them up this week. Becky will laminate her Mixed Paper and Cardboard/Boxboard pictures to put up on their respective bins. Abby to email Becky with her blurb about the new recycling methods so that she can run in the Chickering News Blast for Tuesday.

Destruction of 120 Centre Street and 6 Farm Street. Christine contacted Boston Building Materials Corp. to see if they are interested in contacting the town regarding reusing some materials from these historic homes.

Handout for Town Meeting 4/7: No handout was prepared.

Next meeting 9/8/08 @ 8:15 in the Highway Garage.