

## **Dover Recycling Committee**

Minutes for April 6, 2009

**Present:** Scott Seidman, Becky Gladstone, Becky Petersen, Matthew Schmid, Christine Heer, Abby Howe, Kerry O'Brien

**Minutes** of March 23, 2009 were approved

**Town Wide Clean Up Evaluation** – Good day overall. Sorting through yellow bags at Transfer Station took 2 hours, some feel like we could have used more help. Issue with recyclables that are too dirty to either redeem or recycle. Wade mentioned cleaning them in water while we are sorting; can be discussed further next year. Buying smaller bags might mean less waste, but then we need them big enough to tie. Police should be contacted before event to patrol the streets for speed violators and safety concerns. Park and Rec needs to be contacted in February to sign up to hang the banner 2 weeks before the last Saturday in March. Environmental Club at DSHS should be notified and in charge of cleaning around the MS/HS campus and recruited for sorting help. Pictures and article should be sent to the papers after the event.

**Earth Day** – Committee will plan to meet at Transfer Station on Saturday morning, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, to clean up Mary's Swap Shop and sell recycle bins.

**Schools Update** – Becky spoke of Waste Free Lunches happening monthly at Chickering. 4/17 will be an Earth Day celebration during lunch, with trivia questions, recycling and composting. Middle School science students collected their trash/food waste for 3 days and met to discuss how recycling and composting reduces trash. Becky gave Kerry Waste Free Lunch Posters to display at Lindquist. Kerry met with Tammy Thornton, 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher at DSMS, who has aggressive environmental ideas, one of which is to get a solar panel project going at the school. She would like to do some fundraising for his project, and probably needs to address the school committee about this.

**DRC Date with the Selectmen** – Kerry spoke with Carol Lisbon. Selectmen would like us to attend their meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm. Please contact Kerry if you can attend.

**Next meeting** – May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15 in the Highway Garage