

## Dover Recycling Committee Minutes 2/12/10

**Present:** Becky Gladstone, Fran Aikman, Erin Gorden, Carol Lisbon (Selectman), Scott Seidman, Matt Schmid, John O'Keefe, Christine Heer and Craig Hughes (Highway Department).

**Minutes** of 2/1/10 were approved.

**Meeting:** Carol asked the committee, "How can the Selectman help the committee?" Much discussion ensued as to what the committee's main goal/purpose is and how we can attain that.

DRC wants to continue efforts all ready in progress but also start a "fact finding" initiative to help determine the cause for too many recyclables being found in the regular trash. It was suggested that the committee meet with Craig Hughes and Steve Bassett of Dover Trucking to see how DT handles recyclables. Other areas of exploration that were discussed: single stream/comingle and what, if any, information Wade has found regarding this through his contact at the Medfield TS. It was agreed that a larger sign at the trash dumpster would be an immediate change that could make an impact. John O'Keefe was going to get an article to the paper describing the DRC present action plan to help give us positive press.

Carol told the DRC about a committee she was on in 2004-2005 that did significant research regarding Dover recycling and trash disposal. She will share these documents with the DRC. It was then suggested that we use these documents to proceed with a yearlong review of waste disposal in Dover. With this study the DRC can create a new report to outline an action plan which would then be brought to the Selectman. The main purpose of the study would be to set out specific steps to reach our goals based on the results of a collaboration among the DRC, Craig Hughes, Steve Bassett and the Dover Board of Health.

Craig Hughes joined the discussion and told the DRC that the DEP allows 25% of one load of trash to be recyclables before issuing a warning. Dover was over that percentage during a DEP visual inspection of the trash this summer. Dover was issued a warning at that time; the main contaminants were cardboard and paper.

Next meeting is 3/1/10 @8:15 in the town garage meeting room.