

Dover Recycling Committee Minutes for October 3, 2011

Present: Scott Seidman, Amy Wilcox, Becky Gladstone, Becky Petersen, Matt Schmid, Savita Shukla

Minutes of September 6th, 2011 were approved.

Follow Up on Dover Days Fair: Good team effort in staffing our booth and reaching out to many residents. Discussion included where we stand with orders/interest for Rain Barrels. **Matt** will communicate with Suzanne to see how to reach interested residents and offer free delivery (to Dover) from the Highway Department. Price has yet to be determined, but discussion mentioned \$70 per barrel, \$65 if ordering 2 or more.

Town Recycling Barrels: Scott reported on why the blue recycling bins were removed from the Dover Deli and the Dover Market: When CICO was initiated, Park & Rec assumed that these 2 bins were included in the program. Not so – CICO only affects the playing fields and parks (Chickering and Caryl), not the town center establishments that sell drinks. Highway Department has agreed to place the Windsor Barrel Dual Systems (Trash and Recycle bins) in front of Dover Deli and Dover Market. The large blue recycle bins will be used at the Region to be placed next to outdoor trash bins near the playing fields. **Becky** will contact Ralph Kelly again to see if large clear plastic bags have been located (the blue bins are wider than the recycle bins at the school) and also to confirm that their staff will bring the recyclables to the Single Stream dumpster when they maintain trash removal on their grounds.

Schools: Chickering is still conducting Waste Free Lunch (pig farmer pick-up and recycling) on Fridays; other days of the week are possible once volunteers commit time to help the younger grades during lunch. Students continue to feed the pigs and recycle daily at the MS and HS lunches, and the program is running smoothly according to teachers and student feedback.

Grant Distribution: We have an existing \$2800 of grant money that needs to be allocated. Becky reported that the schools are NOT interested in the Lucidomatic (a portable system for cafeteria food waste/recycling), so funds for this piece of equipment is not needed. Other areas that will require funding is providing the Transfer Station with new signage, as well as updating our Dover Recycling “How To” materials.

New Residents Packets: We determined that the “What Dover Recycles” multi-page, colored paper on a ring is a waste of paper and shouldn’t be updated. **Amy** will contact Abby Howe (past chair) to see if we can update the DEP postcard from 2005 and use that as our information card. **Amy** will draft a Welcome Letter with information about finding more information on the Dover MA website. Scott will talk to the website manager to update our page.

Town Center Recycling Assessment: Members felt the need to gain a better understanding of how the different offices, businesses and municipalities in Dover Center

go to visit/survey the local banks or law offices or town offices that we have a better idea of how much recycling is being done and if it makes sense to suggest an outside vendor (Dover Recycling or Casella) to cover all of Dover Center and create economies of scale. **Savita** will email members with her draft.

Dover Town Wide Clean-Up: Amy asked that a member be her co-chair on this event. We discussed whether to hold the Clean-Up on March 31st (5th Saturday in March) or the weekend before. **Becky** will check with Dover Soccer to see if Soccer will start on 3/31.

Deposit Trailer: The football team passed on maintaining the trailer for October. The Downhill Ski Team has taken over for the month.

Action Items for Next Meeting: Member roles and responsibilities defined and appointed; review and approve New Resident package; review Town Center Recycling Survey.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7th, 8:15am in the Highway Garage Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned.