

**Dover Recycling Meeting**  
**April 4, 2011**

Members present:

Fran Aikman  
Scott Seidman  
Becky Gladstone  
John O'Keefe  
Becky Peterson  
Matt Schmid  
Amy Wilcox  
Curt Pfannenstiehl

Minutes from March 2011 were approved

Treasurer's report reviewed

- deep decline in last month's totals noted.. possible causes considered.

**Report on visit to the Medfield Transfer Station:**

Matt and Curt reported that:

- The experience, for the town of Medfield, was a positive one, regarding work with Casella and employing engineers to reconfigure the traffic flow.
- Some issues, during their busier days, still remain, but, essentially, Matt and Curt observed an efficient system.

Contrasts, of the town of Medfield to the town of Dover:

- Medfield population is double that of Dover
- Medfield now charges a yearly fee (\$50), to access their Transfer Station

A discussion ensued, among the members, regarding:

- Pros and cons of a conversion to a single stream system
- The values and goals that are unique to the town of Dover
- Those aspects of the Transfer Station that we would consider retaining  
(eg: the trailer that collects redeemables is a positive community effort, in addition to a valuable asset to many teams and town groups).

It was noted that, without statistical information, any argument made, for or against a new system, would not be compelling. It was suggested that the committee collect and review monthly statistics, relating to monthly expenditures to transport recyclables to other facilities, and the concomitant weight totals of those recyclables.

### **Town Clean-Up:**

All members agreed that this year's effort was a great success, thanks to the guidance of John O'Keefe, and the stewardship of Erin and Amy, this year.

New this year:

- Signs to advertise the event
- Gift Certificates (Dunkin Donuts) to support those neighborhood organizers
- Immediate emails, of thanks, to those organizers
- A note of thanks, on the home page of Dover's website.

All members agreed that these helped to increase participation, as well as to demonstrate the committee's sincere appreciation.

Additionally, the recyclables were weighed (0.3 tons), at the Transfer Station. The committee intends to monitor these totals, in subsequent years.

Suggestions for next year:

- more photographs, to record the day
- a letter to the editor to report on the day.

### **Carry-In, Carry-Out:**

Implemented, as of the preceding weekend:

In preparation for the new policy:

- All sports teams have been apprised
- Signs will be placed in strategic spots

There will, no doubt, be a transition period, as residents and guests adjust to the new system, but, ultimately this policy will encourage:

- keeping the town fields, free of refuse
- greater usage of reusable water bottles
- taking responsibility and being accountable for one's own waste
- a positive image, of the town, to our guests and visiting teams
- save the town (ie. the Park and Rec dept) \$6,000.

### **Update on composting and waste free lunches:**

At Middle School, flies are a presence: the committee questions whether the composters can be moved to the back of the cafeteria

At Chickering, 60-90 yogurts are disposed of, daily (per Terry Nugent)

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, May 2 @ 8:00 am