

**Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2011**

Members present:

Fran Aikman
Scott Seidman
Becky Gladstone
Erin Gorden
John O'Keefe
Becky Peterson
Matt Schmid
Amy Wilcox

Minutes from December 2010 approved

Treasurer's Report Reviewed: no significant issues

Town Clean-Up: March 26, 2011, with rain date: March 27th.

Organizer of this year's event: Erin Gorden volunteers

John O'Keefe, as former organizer of the event, offers his expertise, and will forward all documents relevant to organizing the day.

Other members are asked for any information re: the event, to be sent to Erin

Bags: surplus in DRC closet will be checked

Order to be determined and submitted ASAP.

Most agree that 2 areas of the event need improvement:

Communication

Neighborhood organizers need to be fully committed to the effort

- those successful in attracting participants and enthusiasm,
combine the clean-up effort, with the chance to unify the neighborhood.

Need to notify:

Mr. Chickliss, head of community service at HS about student participation

Science teacher's involvement

Members consider:

Do we place fliers, re: recycling information, in to mailboxes, while collecting trash?

Issues relating to Deposit Trailer:

Becky P. has offered to assume responsibility for management of the Deposit Trailer

Current group= Girl Scouts: organizer of the month, Becky P. inquires:

Can the Girl Scouts have access to the TS, on days, other than wed/sat/sun

She is informed that this is a possibility.

Discussion re: closing the deposit trailer in August

Support for temporary closing:

Skepticism expressed, as to the likelihood of a team/group's sustained commitment, lasting from the present to the month of August, a popular vacation month, for many.

Remaining members wish to keep the deposit trailer open:

2 teams to contact re: August:

“Down to Earth” (the environmental group, at HS)

HS swim team, since they are practicing at Farm Pond in August

DRC will contact the athletic director, for her support and accessibility to school teams

Objectives of DRC providing presence at the Transfer station:

To sell bins/increase awareness

Clean-out swap shop

Enhance Public Relations

Date decided: Jan 29th: 8:30am-10:30am, those that are available

Scott will send out reminder to DRC

DRC guest, Mark Evan, from Casella Waste Management, arrives and is introduced:

DRC is given overview of Casella:

History

Locations (Charlestown, Auburn, Biddeford(incinerator), Southborough (landfill))

Publicly traded company

ie. Financially responsible and accountable to their stock holders

Dual stream trash pick-up is option for towns

Some towns opt to start with recycle pick-up only

More regulations, currently in place, due to impurities, from catch basin/street sweeping impurities, etc.

Members ask:

How pure is the final product?

Mark informs us that all commodities are allowed “out-throws”, but, the final product is pure, within 2%. The final products are traded on the open market, and, thus, their purity must be competitive.

If Dover continues to separate, are our efforts worthwhile?

Mark would not discourage the town from their efforts. However, he states it has been documented that more recyclables are generated, in the single stream process, than by the members of a community that make the effort to recycle..

Mark inquires as to safety issues, at the Dover Transfer Station.

Members report that it is not a safe space for children, as they run through the area.

Mark recommends visiting Medfield.

Medfield converted to single stream, as a result of a fatality.

Converted to single stream x1 ½ years ago

Transfer station stream lined to 2 lanes of traffic

Ken Feeney, town DPW director/town manager
Bobby Kennedy: designed facility for town

DRC inquires:

What makes for a successful transition?

Newton ran an aggressive education campaign.

Dover has an already successful system, at the High School.

The first hurdle, in the transition, is power. Dover has power, as indicated by the presence of compactors.

Medfield has a 2 yard compactor

Mark recommends investigating the Casella website:

Testimonials

Library of videos, pertaining to recycling

Set up meeting with Mark, from Casella, to view the Medfield site

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for November 7, 2011