

Dover Recycling Committee

Minutes for January 9, 2012

Present: Scott Seidman, Amy Wilcox, Becky Gladstone, Becky Petersen, Matt Schmid, John O'Keefe, Carol Lisbon, Craig Hughes

Minutes from December 2011 were not taken.

MassRecycle Southeast Municipal Recycling Council (MRC)

12/7 Meeting Feedback: Topic of this meeting was a Roundtable Discussion of Municipal Transfer Stations and Recycling Drop-Off Centers. Amy Wilcox attended and was pleased with the information that was shared among participants, consisting primarily of Transfer Station employees, Highway Department personnel and Recycling Committee members. Some of the issues discussed included: population served and participation, how recyclables are accepted (many sorts to single stream), user fees, new and/or hard to manage materials, education and outreach, material consolidation/markets used, new technologies, private haulers, and more. Amy's attendance at this meeting led us to discuss issues with Dover's Transfer Station, as far as consolidating our plastics into one container (not separating out #2's for Wellesley), PAYT option (agreed that this would not be a viable option for Dover residents) and looking into the economics of offering Single Stream or co-mingling of recyclables. We should ask Medfield for some numbers and feedback, since have been operating Single Stream recycling with Casella for a few years now.

Grant Money – Transfer Station Signage: The Transfer Station is in need of new signage, since many signs are faded and potentially out of date (#2 Collection). There are signs near the trash dumpster saying no recyclables, but these need to be more visible. Steps that need to be taken are to create mock up signs with Wade's input, present them to the committee, discuss with Craig and present to the Selectmen. We also discussed having an electronic sign, so that any change in

procedure would be easy and effective to communicate.

School Update: Chickering is now recycling plastic and tin foil in the lunch room on a daily basis with parent volunteers helping out during the K-2 lunches. Becky will check in with the custodians at the MS and HS to see if their recycling efforts are going smoothly.

Town Employee Compliance Paperwork: Carol Lisbon reminded us that the Sexual Harassment Policy and Conflict of Interest Summary needs to be filled out and returned to the Town Hall Clerk's office. We should have all received a copy in the mail last month.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6th, 8:15am in the Highway Garage Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned.