

Dover Recycling Committee Minutes for October 26th, 2012

Members Present:

Amy Wilcox, Becky Gladstone, Savita Shukla, Chris Poulsen

Approval of Minutes: September 28th Minutes were approved.

School Recycling Program

Trash/Recycling Maintenance Contract

Amy Wilcox informed us that Casella no longer has a contract with the DS Regional School System and Chickering School. EL Harvey is now the trash disposal company that services our schools and apparently has been since June. Amy Wilcox has emailed Ralph Kelley, Facilities Manager of the DS Schools and Christine Tague, Business Manager of DS Schools to discuss the new contract with EL Harvey to make sure that the recycling maintenance for both the DS Region and Chickering is similar to what services we were getting with Casella. Members of the Dover Recycling Committee are all in agreement that we – who established the Single Stream relationship with Casella in the Dover and DS Regional schools years ago – should certainly have been informed of this change in Recycling Maintenance providers and will confirm that we have not gone backwards in terms of the recycling services that are provided by this new contract.

HS Environmental Club/Teacher Advisor Status

Elizabeth Friedman (HS Biology Teacher) is on maternity leave until post-Thanksgiving. She asked for a stipend last spring to be an advisor to the Down To Earth club, but the Regional School Committee denied her request. Becky has been in contact with Ms. Friedman and Ms. Lotti (HS Chemistry teacher), and they are both happy to meet with our committee to see how we can increase recycling on campus as well as student involvement. Becky has also been in contact with Ms. Lonergan (DSHS Principal) and Shelley Poulsen (Regional School Committee Chair) about teacher stipends and lack of club participation (and therefore club erosion) when advisors aren't paid for their involvement.

Goals and Strategy

Amy discussed having a roundtable discussion in January with Steve Bliss (Assistant Superintendent), Ms. Friedman, Ms. Lotti, Ralph Kelley, Dean Bogan (Maintenance) and Janelle Madden (Food Services) to review the recycling processes at our schools and goals for the future. Becky will contact Eric Mugars, teacher at the Manchester/Essex HS, to obtain more information on his Green Schools Scholars Program workshop that was held today, 10/26. We feel as if this information would be beneficial to initiate a similar program at DSHS to get students involved in creating a greener environment at DS – and after.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 30th, 2012 at 11am

Meeting Adjourned