

Dover Recycling Committee Minutes for September 28th, 2012

Members Present:

Amy Wilcox, Becky Gladstone, Savita Shukla, Chris Poulsen, Carol Lisbon

Approval of Minutes: July 18th Minutes were approved.

Dover Days Review

Dover Days was a success except for the intense wind – the table display used is really meant for indoor use, so we will have prepare accordingly for next year. Amy will contact residents who wrote down their name on our Volunteer Lists. Ideas for next year: graphing more specific data to show residents, i.e. poundage of trash that Dover pays to have hauled away vs. how much we recycle; this is to show the dollar value of recycling (how much tax money it saves) to residents. It was also discussed to display information/pictures from Dover Clean Up Day to get more residents involved in that annual initiative. We should be able to quantify how many teams/organization/families participated and how many bags (Trash and Recycling) were collected. All four green cage recycle bins were set up next to trash barrels, and seemed to be very effective at capturing recyclables.

New Town Recycle Bins

The new “Event” cage recycle bins were such a hit at Dover Days that Craig is using them at the Dover Market and the Dover Deli. Becky asked to donate the other 2 to the HS fields. She will confirm first with Dean Bogan, Head of Maintenance, and, with his agreement, place them by the Snack Shack and the new turf field to capture recyclables during Football Games and other sporting events. Dean and his staff will be responsible for maintaining the recyclables, and Becky will make sure that they have the clear plastic bags.

School Update

We discussed the need for everyone to be on board – Ralph Kelley, the Superintendents, Maintenance – at both Chickering and the Region, to ensure that Dover schools are doing the best they can do as far as recycling. Becky will check with Elizabeth Friedman, HS Science teacher, to see what her Environmental Club is doing and how we can become involved with new initiatives. Savita, Chris and Amy will call area schools to compile information on what other schools are doing to be Green. Becky will email members the PowerPoint presentation created by teachers at Manchester/Essex Regional School – a very green school on the North Shore. Amy will contact Casella regarding obtaining data from how much Chickering and the Region are recycling, based on poundage that is removed from the Single Stream bins at both school.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 27th, 2012 at 9am
Meeting Adjourned