

Dover Recycling Committee

Minutes for March 11, 2014

Present: Tracy Boehme, Mike Kinchla, Chris Poulsen, Matthew Schmid, Savita Shukla, Amy Wilcox

Absent: Becky Sommer-Petersen

Additional Attendees: Craig Hughes, John O'Keefe, Steve Kruskall

Agenda

- Approve last meeting minutes – Feb. 11, 2014
- Guest Speaker – Kathryn Larson of Bay State Textiles
- Program/Initiative Updates
 - School Program (AW, SS)
 - DRC Mission Update (TB, MS)
 - Transfer Station (CP, MK, CH)
 - Outreach (All)
 - DRC Program (All)
- Any Other Business
 - Waste/Household, Best Practices Nearby Towns (CP)
 - Agenda Items for next meeting

I. February Minutes approved.

II. Guest Speaker - Kathryn Larson of Bay State Textiles

Bay State Textiles is a for profit company that offers Collection and Recycling services.

Company collects textiles utilizing donation trailers and boxes placed in key locations.

Able to collect various textiles, including clothing, shoes, linens, throw rugs.

Able to place large container at Transfer Station, collection boxes at schools.

Offers rebate back to town at rate of \$100/ton, or \$.05/pound of material collected.

MA DEP website reports the average US citizen throws away 70 lbs of clothing annually, only 15% of which is recycled at this point.

Benefits of collection at Transfer Station include new and larger collection container to increase awareness and participation, and encourage larger items to be recycled.

Benefits of collection at schools include overall visibility, promotes awareness, involves students and curricular tie ins with environmental and econ/business classes, and recycling clubs as well.

Towns currently utilizing BST services and reporting success include: Beverly, Natick, Plymouth, Sherborn, Walpole, Weymouth.

Discussion ensued as to the benefits of a fresh approach to textile recycling that Bay State Textiles presents. Concern was expressed of diverting from Red Cross donation box that exists at Transfer Station. Concern expressed that there may be other groups offering similar services that Committee has not researched.

Committee voted in support of placing Bay State Textile trailer at Transfer Station.
Chris Poulsen to follow up by putting BST in touch with schools for Administration to make decision.
BTS reported Spring is ideal time to launch program.

John O'Keefe, Mike Kinchla to follow up with Bill on website, with FAQs re textiles.
Book Box

III. Dover Clean Up

Group decision made to postpone Clean Up until May 3rd due to unusual snow coverage.
Given a one week delay would not provide assurance of melt, the next weekends being Easter School vacations – 5/3 was agreed upon.

Adjourned.

Next meeting: 4/8/14

