

## **Dover Recycling Committee 4/1/2015 Meeting Minutes - draft**

**Present:** Mike Kinchla, Wendy Muellers, Chris Poulsen (via Skype), Matthew Schmid, Savita Shukla, and Amy Wilcox

**Absent:** Tracy Boehme

**Additional Attendees:** Carol Lisbon

### **Agenda**

1. Call to order
  
2. Approval of last meeting minutes 3/4/2015
  
3. Committee member reports
  - Treasurer
  - Deposit Trailer Coordinator
  - Communications Coordinator
  - Website
  - Transfer Station Coordinator
  - School Liaison
  
4. Planning for Dover Clean-up 5/2
  
5. Proposal(s) Review
  - PAYT Study (C. Poulsen)
  - Evaluation of Dover Trucking policies re: recycling - (M. Kinchla)
  - Evaluation / revision of Mission and Title - (T. Boehme)

### **I. Meeting Called to Order.**

### **II. March Minutes unanimously approved.**

### **III. SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT Submitted– Mike Kinchla/Amy Wilcox**

Wilcox reported on status the sustainability scholarship, DSHS Down to Earth Club activity, DSMS Environmental CAG/Green Club.

#### **Discussion:**

Carol Lisbon reported that, after having sought the counsel of Dave Ramsey regarding the giving of a \$500 grant to a graduating DSHS senior exhibiting outstanding community service and leadership, this kind of expenditure by the Committee would require getting approval at town meeting. No Scholarship can be given by the Committee without such a vote, as the funding is ultimately from tax payer dollars.

Next Steps:

- A high level of interest was expressed in making personal donations for this year's Award Night independent of Committee, delivering on commitment as "Friends of Dover Recycling".
- Wilcox will update School with Grantor revision
- Poulsen/Lisbon to formalize with David Ramsey to set up for next year

#### **Clean Up status report -**

Wilcox reported that publicity has been sent to Town Website for posting, articles to be sent to Communications Director for posting with local papers.

Initial emails have been sent to past volunteer coordinators, some responses received.

Further solicitations are on going.

Kinchla has Banners, will post at Transfer Station, flyers at Dover Market, Town House, etc. Kinchla producing a town resident post card, to send to those on the busy streets, making them aware of when the event is and reminding the residents that we are looking for volunteers

Committee members:

Mike and Chris – committed to covering Centre Street on Friday, on Saturday will pick up roadside bags of any teams unable to transport

Wendy – committed to Powisett Street

Savita – committed to Transfer Station

It was agreed that if there are stretches of road that are not covered by volunteers, Craig's team would be asked to cover during work hours as was done last year.

Wilcox asked that any photos the Committee might have be sent to her for inclusion in Press Releases.

#### **IV. TRANSER STATION REPORT Submitted - Wendy Muellers**

Muellers reported on expanding Shredder Day (scheduled for 6/6/15) to include other vendors and items collected – will seek Highway Dept approval, was informed she does not need BOS approval. Will need volunteers, will not need funding.

Publicity will be needed once details secured:

It was suggested that Val Lynn of Park & Rec could assist.

School Liaison/Wilcox to communicate needs via school email blasts, DMA

Muellers Reported on the progress of her extensive research on surrounding towns' recycling events and opportunities.

Reported additionally on MA DEP Grants being offered with deadline of 6/10/15.

Suggested a mercury recovery program for next year.

Suggestion was made that the committee make an agenda item for next fall for October BOS - mail in January tax bill mailer.

**V. TREASURER's REPORT Submitted – Matthew Schmid**

**VI. REDEMPTION TRAILER – Savita Shukla**

Shukla reported February/Swim Team \$872.95

March/Cub Scouts did well – no complaints

April/Varsity Softball are on deck, in good shape – Preston Hall is heading up

**VII. WEBSITE – Matthew Schmid**

To follow up with Bill with specifics on items still missing from website to date

**IX. PAYT STUDY PROPOSAL Submitted – Chris Poulsen**

A Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) study proposal was submitted.

Problem to solve: Town of Dover's overall Solid Waste is high and not decreasing, Recycling is low and not increasing. Towns that use PAYT do 10% better, with 37% less waste.

The proposal outlined a 6-step process at decision making with timeline.

Lisbon suggested timing would work with town schedule - open budgets submitted to Selectmen in Nov, then Warrant Committee mid December.

Submissions for town meeting, decided by mid January.

Poulsen suggested that he would consider use of Summer Interns to work on steps #1 and #3

Carol Lisbon updated Committee that Dover's contract with Wheelabrator for Trash Incinerating was renegotiated this winter, late December, early January.

Collectively bargained with surrounding towns – benefits are: no minimums, reduction in per ton charge. Dover now pays \$66/tons, down from \$74/ton.