

REC Minutes June 25, 2009

Present:

Jane Ansaldo Church
Dennis Kepner
Ed MacDonald
Geannina Guzman
Charlie Preston
Toni Trotzer

Minutes were read and amended. Charlie will receive a hard copy. Members may need to be sworn in. Jane will e-mail Christina with this question and will ask about posting minutes on the web.

New Business

Jane brought up the article in the Atlantic News about the town forest and the fact that we will be organizing a clean-up of the town forest in the fall. We discussed the fact that Boston is going to single stream as has Amesbury, Ma and Newburyport, Ma. and wondered if John Price and Mark Richardson, our waste management person, sees or receives articles such as these. Who gathers info for BOS for the town to make its decisions about going to single stream and how it will be done by Public works in Hampton??? JP or Mark can you answer this???

Charlie brought up the town parking lots on the beach and the fact that they are manned and don't have any recycling containers. He said trash is just being thrown out and couldn't something be done to get some recycling in those lots. Tuck field also has no recycling container by the trash either.

Discussion then turned to signage and the idea that the town needs Hampton Recycles signs. Charlie said the state prison does signs very inexpensively. Toni suggested we use the money from Earth Week and in our account to pay for some signs and to use it as a match for a grant. Geannina said Brian was working with signage at the beach regarding recycling and trash. It was brought up that you have to be a non-profit in order to receive most grants. They received a grant from the Rotary as Friends of Bicentennial Park. Verizon only gives grant to non-profits. How do we get money for projects? The Hampton Beach Area Commission was mentioned as a resource. The town can get grants. Anything over \$500 needs a public hearing. Need to meet with Brian to see what he is going to be doing about signage. The State Park should be able to get recycling cans all around from the money they make. Need to push with letters to see what the state is doing. .

Discussion went back to the parking lots. Need to talk with Dianna Martin and/ or Town Manager about getting recycling bins in there. Green bins can be used. WM can pick up on their regular pick-up days. Jane and Charlie will set up a time to talk with them as reps of our committee.

We also need to check out the BOS minutes from June, 2008 to see what was decided about the make-up of the committee.—Ed will do this and send to committee.

Discussion turned to the brochures. Everyone liked the format but wanted to move the part about businesses to the other page. On the blank page put list of places where people can take things that the town doesn't recycle. Concerning distribution, it was decided to try to get them out to places where people will see them and pick them up, some places mentioned were the Town Office, Chamber of Commerce, real estate offices, the transfer station, banks, organizations etc. Hopefully we can include them in the tax bills that go out next fall. Dennis will check on how to do that. A blurb by the recycling committee will be done by Geannina. Jane and Dennis will meet with John Price next week to finalize sending the brochure to WM. Jim N. of WM will be e-mailed this by JP. We need a time frame as to when we will have them from WM.

With regards to the letter to DRED, it will be sent to Ted Austin, the head of all state parks with a cc to Commissioner Bald and to Brian. Geannina and Ed will work on the DRED letter.

The next meeting of the committee will be August 3 at 3:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church. Meeting was adjourned.

Toni Trotzer