

HAMPTON RECYCLING COMMITTEE – minutes of February 2, 2012 meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 10:15 a.m. (note change of date) in Town Hall

Present: Jane Ansaldo-Church: chair; committee members Toni Trotzer, Dennis Kepner, Corinne Baker; alternate Norman Silberdick, Selectman Jerry Znoi, and Keith Noyes and Mark Richardson from Hampton DPW.

The meeting was held in the Selectmen's room in Town Hall, at 10:15 am.

The agenda for this meeting was extensive. The "reusable items" flyer and "single stream recycling guide" were reviewed and changes made. These will be distributed at the transfer station, the polls on March 13, newspaper, channel 22, library and schools.

Jane and Toni sent a "News from the Hampton Recycling Committee" article to the newspaper but have not seen that in print. A suggestion was made to make the month of April "Recycle Month" to tie in with Earth Day, with a push at retail establishments to distribute various flyers. Norm will follow up. Toni will look into making presentations to business groups like Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club.

Keith and Mark reiterated that the rule be NO PLASTIC BAGS in recycling. The plastic bags that our newspapers come in can be brought to supermarkets for recycling with other plastic bags. They must not be put in our green recycle carts.

We will use the electronic signs for messages like "Are You Recycling your reusable items?" , a graph showing a goal and where we stand each month, and other short messages.

As part of the Recycling Mandate, and based on the town ordinance, the DPW director was given the job of writing up rules of enforcement. Keith met with the deputy police chief, town lawyer and town manager and had come up with a policy to include search warrants and fines. The committee felt that this was a very heavy-handed approach. Keith will contact his peers to see how they handle this; Mark, Jerry and Corinne will help Keith with this task.

Jane will be working with Centre and Marston schools, doing demonstrations and teaching children more about recycling. We agreed that the best way to encourage families to recycle more is by teaching the children. (Is there still a Recycling Club at Hampton Academy?) Other suggestions to increase recycling could be "Recycling Business of the Month", "did you know....", follow up letters to the editor.

Our goal is to have the flyers ready to distribute at the March 13 election site. Jane will make a presentation on recycling at the April 2 Board of Selectmen meeting which will be broadcast on Channel 22.

Item #1 on the agenda for the March 15 meeting will be how to contact homeowners and renters at the beach. We all will work on a possible special mailing to this group.

Dennis Kepner will offer his letter of resignation, effective February 29, 2012, as he will be moving out of town. Norm Silberdick will replace Dennis as a regular committee member. Residents are invited to join the committee as alternate members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Baker