

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, February 22, 2010

1. Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM.
In attendance: Kristin Foster, Ben Stone, John Varga, Susan Johnston.
2. Reviewed and approved meeting minutes of January 25, 2010.
3. Public Comment - none
4. Old Business – Committee Reports
 - 4a. John Varga – none.
 - 4b. Benjamin Stone – Received figures from Paul Lebeau on 2009 solid waste:
Tons Trash – 4,110, at a cost of \$163.40/ton.
Tons Recycling – 4,052, at a cost of \$85.14/ton
Total Savings due to recycling = **\$317,109.52**. Susan will have this info put on the recycling page of the Town website.
 - 4c. Kristin Foster – will be meeting with her NHS student in the next week or two.
 - 4d. Susan Johnston – none.
5. New Business
 - a. Prospective new Committee member Lisa A. Zais unable to attend. Kristin knows her through various venues and recommended her as a willing and energetic potential member. Unanimously voted to recommend her to the Selectmen to join the committee.
 - b. Discussion of upcoming Solid Waste and Curbside Recycling Contract renewal. General discussion was unfavorable about going to every other week recycling pickup. John will transmit this to the Selectmen, due to:
 - i. increased costs for more green bins/household;
 - ii. possibly lower % participation – the % almost doubled back when the town made the switch from biweekly to weekly;
 - iii. storage burden for homes/small businesses to hold materials for 2 weeks;
 - iv. would be renegeing on a pledge by Selectmen to have weekly pickup in conjunction with the household trash fee;
 - v. not clear if the \$/ton charge would decrease with less frequent pickup, and if so would that compensate for lower participation?

General recommendation was to possibly change from providing recycling bins, and instead to provide Recycling Stickers to residents for whatever containers are used for recycling.

- c. Committee Elections – Unanimously voted the following:
John Varga, Chairman
Kristin Foster, Vice-chair
Ben Stone, recording secretary
 - d. Kristin recommended, & committee unanimously approved, that the Selectmen officially support the MassRecycles endorsement of the new Mass bottle bill. John will submit this to the Selectmen.
 - e. John mentioned there will be a Celebrate Holliston meeting on March 9th, 7:30pm, at the Holliston Senior Center.
 - f. Next meeting scheduled for March 22nd.
6. Adjournment – 8:36 PM