

Recycling Committee

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5pm via Zoom

All members present

DPW Supervisor Silvio Genao attended

1. Clothing is the subject of the February newsletter. Alicia will do all future newsletters, and will repeat the subject list again from the start from last year's list.
2. Silvio gave an update on composting. Earlier in the fall, he looked at three composting companies, and prices were discussed. He will discuss composting efforts with Wellfleet. He is looking to reduce the cost of units available through the transfer station. Gary read an article on effects of methane. We should add to our messaging the subject of waste diversion and keeping things out of our solid waste stream.
3. Molly suggested workshops on reusing, including the green initiative and grants.
4. Silvio and others had kind words about Jim Goodrich.
5. Silvio is looking to have hauler regulations passed this year.
6. Can we approach haulers for their client lists so that we can target those residents who do not use the transfer station with recycling information?
7. We will ask the P-Town Independent to include the monthly newsletter.
8. Silvio has done a survey on waste tonnage: there has been a 10% decrease in tipping fees; recycling costs went up and trash went down; decrease for mattresses, 60 tons over 40 tons last year for newspaper; plastics went down 10 tons; there was 150 tons of glass over 190 last year; there was an increase in metal tonnage. All statistics will be available in the 2021 annual report.
9. As of now, restaurants and businesses in town do not compost.
10. Yarmouth is working on a digester.
11. Regarding the survey to residents from the Climate Action Committee with input from this committee, Gary will work with Ellen Greer and Lauren Barker.
12. On the plastic water bottle ban, new petitions have been submitted to Sandwich and Bourne, and it will be on Truro's town warrant. Barnstable is not budging.
13. Swap Shop update: status quo. Cold weather is a challenge.
14. We might work with the P-Town Independent on education outreach.
15. The December 1, 2021, minutes were approved.
16. Meeting adjourned at 5:57.

Respectfully submitted
Amy Hackworth, Clerk

