

Recycling Committee
Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5pm via Zoom

Members Present

- Gary Senecal
- Rick Leary
- Molly Chapman
- Amy Hackworth

Members Absent

- Alicia Couture
- Lee Bartell

1. Gary read an article on methane study and government efforts to reign it in.
2. Textiles was February's newsletter. Suggestions were made to add to posting about donating to thrift shop and animal shelters. Possibly as separate post?
3. Gary gave an update on composting survey. After meeting with Lauren Barker and Ellen Greer, the survey is in its final form. Lauren will send out a "survey monkey." Hoping for at least 500 responses. Lauren has lots of platforms for community outreach, including constant contact and a residential email list, community newsletters, police and fire facebook sites. Paper survey at town hall and the schools. She has the tools to do educational outreach programs. Two rumors were mentioned: Possibly in the past the Board of Health derailed a composting program, and Eastham to become a composting center which will service several other towns.
4. Gary gave a brief update on the Cape plastic water ban: Mashpee and Sandwich have opposing warrants to repeal the ban. The ban takes effect September 2022.
5. Nothing new at the Swap Shop. Rick suggested using the swap shop for signage, especially the 5Rs.
6. March 18 is Global Recycling Day. Gary will ask Alicia to post on facebook and Silvio to post at the transfer station. Rick suggested celebrating recycling efforts, marking progress but can do better and a call to action, letting residents know what the elementary school has done with the money they have earned from recycling. Need to mention Silvio's statistics. Molly suggested a Q&A - does the public have any questions. Amy will put the MA recycling law info sheets at the library and COA.
7. 2022 educational outreach ideas were discussed. Gary wants to work on the 5Rs - one each month, explain in depth and how to put to use in own lifestyle as a part of sustainability. Gary reached out to Earth911 Media, which is excited to collaborate with the town on educational outreach.
8. Lee has been in contact with the P-Town Independent about also printing Alicia's newsletter. Gary spoke with recycling committees in Provincetown, Wellfleet and Truro about letters to the editor and open letters.
9. Gary said anyone from the committee should feel free to add to the agenda.
10. January 18 minutes approved.
11. The next meeting will be March 11 for the sole purpose of planning for March 18.
12. The meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Respectfully submitted
Amy Hackworth, Clerk