Recycling Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 5pm via zoom

All Members Present

1. April 20, 2021, minutes approved.
2. The Mass DEP will broadcast a program on environmental composting on Jun 9, 10-12. Kari will record.
3. Transfer Station Update - nothing new from DPW. Alicia noted that last weekend the cardboard compressor was out of order and residents were told to throw cardboard into solid waste. Alicia suggested a contingency/backup plan would be in order. Rick suggested DPW contact our committee next time to see if we can help. There was no new news on possible summer hire. Awaiting news from the State when the swap shop might reopen. Suggestion was made that we invite someone from the Swap Shop committee to join our next meeting.
4. Contact will be made with the new Climate Action Committee to see how we might work together on some things.
5. Alicia has created the June newsletter and a brochure for visitors. How will this get disseminated? Amy will ask Town Hall if they will print.
6. The plastic water bottle ban goes into effect Sept 1. Who will implement and enforce it?
7. Gary mentioned the good work Brewster is doing about the ban. There are ads called "Brewster Tap" and on social media, a sign at the transfer station and on Lower Cape TV. Their select board put a lot of money and effort into their campaign to refuse and reuse.
8. P-Town has eight water stations, along with maps and is working with businesses. Where does Eastham stand on this? Can we suggest a decal for businesses that can offer refills with town water?
9. Composting update - Rick spoke with Health Department concerning licensing for composting haulers. Should we advocate for a pick-up service? What criteria do we need to meet? Wyatt Family Farm in Bourne and Black Earth are potential haulers.
10. Kari Purcell will have an interview on Channel 18 on May 19 at 11am. Lower Cape TV is willing to work with us, especially on power-point presentations.
11. Gary is eager to do outreach on sustainability - preserving natural resources, reuse, redirecting consumption. He would like to run an educational series in newspapers.
12. Next meeting is June 15, 2021, at 5pm.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.
    Respectfully submitted,
    Amy Hackworth, Clerk