

TSARC May 11, 2020

Attendance: Nancy Irwin, Chair Jackie Alford; Andy Costello; Barbara Meyer; Kim Schubert; Megan Sullivan; Annette Wells

Also present: Nick Milano

Meeting opened remotely via ZOOM, at 9:08, being recorded.

1. Roll call taken, have a quorum.
2. Moment of Silence for those affected by Pandemic, followed by violin rendition of Josephine Dopfel's Waltz, played by Andy.
3. Minutes from April read and approved (via roll call) with one change.
4. Review of Committee Follow-up work since last month.
5. TS Operations-Nancy, Annette, Megan, Kim
 - The 5 Food Waste totes are available for patrons, but not all together, so keep lookout for them.
 - TS open Sundays temporarily until further notice.
 - Mattresses no longer accepted at TS.
 - Epilepsy Trailer closed until further notice. Awaiting re-opening of Savers. They are still collecting fabric, clothing, footwear into 3 bins located adjacent to Trailer.
 - There is sometimes a trash dumpster located near main Food Waste area to assist with social distancing.
 - Can and bottle drop-off to benefit Grist Mill still available.
 - BayState bins to benefit Medfield Schools collecting rags. Please bag and label as rags.
 - Nancy left message with Police Deputy Chief regarding line-painting at entrance to TS and in SWAP drive-through area. Awaiting response.
 - Kim to re-contact alternative Foodwaste vendors; City Compost and Orifice, to firm up feasibility for Medfield
 - Financials: Trash and Single Stream up, Rigid Plastic down, for Jan-March as compared with 2019.
6. Bag Use in Medfield- Andy
 - Andy extremely frustrated with Governor's lifting of plastic bag ban after so much hard work by Plastic Bag Ban Committee.
 - Of note, Shaw's has paper bags available but need to request them at checkout.
 - Jackie suggests adding "Refuse" to Reuse, Recycle, Repair as we can also refuse ANY bag, pack items in cart, and place into our own reusable bags when get to car. Annette agrees and has been promoting this as well.

7. Green Month
 - A. May:
 - Megan to organize Backyard Compost Bins for sale at discounted rate. We currently have 10. Nancy to oversee pick-up at SWAP Area on Saturday, May 30. No other promotions in May due to Pandemic.
 - We will not extend Green Month into June
 - B. October:
 - We will begin planning for October.
8. Sustainability Group Report-Megan
 - Third Meeting, in April, had about 10-11 participants, including students.
 - Fourth Meeting, scheduled for May 14 at 10a.m, via ZOOM
9. ZOOM Meetings- Megan and Kim
 - Food Waste: 0/3 attended.
 - Tour of TS: 8 including children attended.
 - Jackie suggests incorporating the power point into Realtor info.
10. Webinar Reports: Jackie, Kim, Barb
 - Green Team is a State-run initiative to bring people together to incorporate education into schools.
 - Greater than 350 schools participate.
 - Jackie will do legwork for MHS while Kerry Lynch and Mike Cowell will be the faculty members dealing directly with students.
 - This should be able to be incorporated into Recycling Dividends.
 - June 10 is deadline for submitting for Grants and Recycling Dividends, but deadline may be pushed off due to Covid-19.
 - For schools to be eligible for RD, recycling must already be in place.
 - DEP has proposed a ban on mattresses and textiles being thrown in trash, Fall 2021.
 - Kim and Nancy will work on this year's RD worksheet and get info to Donna.
 - MRF'S are a for-profit business and expensive to run.
 - Not all MRF'S take same commodities, and not all geographically situated for municipal use.
 - Difficult to rethink recycling as don't know carbon footprint on all items.
11. CC- Annette
 - Sent out 2 last month, due to quickly changing info. 71% opened for first; 68.8% opened for second
 - Topics for May CC: Sunday opening; keep social distance; rags to go into Warrior Bin; Epilepsy items accepted to include footwear; Backyard Compost Bins to be picked up at SWAP area on May 30; Reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, especially plastic bags at Checkout; options for checkout.
12. Next TSARC Meeting, via ZOOM, Monday, June 8, 2020 at 9 a.m.; Meeting adjourned at 11:18