

TSARC June 8th 2020

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

Also present: Nick Milano

Meeting opened remotely through Zoom at 9:12 and being recorded

1. Roll call taken, have quorum
2. Moment of Silence
3. Homework reviewed
4. Minutes reviewed and approved via role call with minor changes
 - Also discussed having quarterly TS Zoom meeting tours and having information about them given out when stickers are given out
5. TS Operations – Nancy
 - At the time of this meeting, the TS is open on Sundays until further notice
 - Annette noted that bags have not been in the TS totes the past few weeks
 - EOMS alternatives: Have information, changing vendors on hold for now
 - Discussed if bins are usually filled on Sundays, Jean keeps track and could be asked if they are usually filled if reconsider vendor options again
6. Epilepsy trailer:
 - Had closed temporarily while Savers closed; Epilepsy now only taking clothing and fabric rather than books and other miscellaneous items; it costs \$75 per month (\$900 per year) to rent the trailer and they are pulling out sometime around July 1st unless the TS wants to take over paying the \$75 and find a place for the items
 - Need to decide as well if keeping the 3 Epilepsy bins
 - Voted that TS will not keep the trailer
 - Currently TS has 12 bins total including the Epilepsy bins
 - Barbara suggested telling Epilepsy they can keep the 3 bins at the TS temporarily in thanks for the 3 past years
 - Megan suggested letting Epilepsy keep bins at TS until Sept. 30th, committee agreed on decision
 - Megan will send contact info to Annette to learn more about bins, will research options for bins and a new trailer, Nancy will call Wellesley SWAP to learn how are handling items
7. Reusable Bags - Andy
 - Mass Green discussing contacting Governor Baker with statistics, MA is the only state that bans reusable bags even though virus lasts 3x longer on plastic than on paper or fabric. Andy asked for authority to speak and act on behalf of the committee before the next meeting to help reintroduce reusable bags and let bans start and come back. Committee agreed. Andy will keep in contact by email.
 - Hope to show Story of Plastic if possible to find it, Megan will email Pam Gardner.
8. Bills – Nancy
 - Currently have \$3,500 in Revolving Fund
 - Constant Contact - costs \$588 per year, committee agreed to continue paying
 - Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) - Membership costs ~\$300 per year, supports organization's work and may have access to webinars for free

- Committee decided to renew PSI
9. Compost Bins - Nancy
 - Must order minimum of 20 and each costs \$43 (total \$860)
 - Net expense of \$360 if sell all of the composters at subsidized rate, \$25 x 20 bins = \$500
 - Vote to order bins: 5/5
 - Megan will contact Maurice about Donna ordering them and let Annette know when to advertise through CC that composters are for sale this month
 10. Financials - Megan
 - Trash and recycling tons both up, additional tonnage of trash and recycling so far will cost together about \$10,000 more than in 2019 but is good to see trash and recycling increasing in parallel
 11. Webinar Reports – Nancy and Megan
 - Megan and Nancy attended a webinar focused on other parts of MA, SWAP options and ways to still give household goods to those transitioning from homelessness during the pandemic were discussed, fix-it clinics were discussed - could be pursued in Medfield in the future in Medfield and many places are currently running virtual ones locally
 12. Sustainability Alliance – Megan
 - Meeting later in the week, discussing how best to organize people in town to act for sustainability
 13. Medfield Day – Megan
 - \$75 due by June 30th for a booth, Megan will ask Donna to pay the bill
 - Megan suggested sharing the booth with the Energy Committee / Sustainability Alliance for shared message about sustainability, committee agreed
 - Jackie will help work on the booth
 14. SWAP - Nancy
 - Due to concerns for health and lack of place to store items packed up each day the SWAP will not open in July
 - Vietnam Vets is picking up items in Medfield again each Wednesday from sidewalk, Annette will suggest alternative ways through CC to give items away and research what New Life, Salvation Army, Bethany House in Millis, MA and Big Brother, Big Sister are doing
 15. Next TSARC meeting set for Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Adjourned at 10:30.