

Sustainability Meeting Minutes August 23, 2022

Attendees: Nancy Dowey, Janet Metcalf, Donna Worthen, Lauren Therriault

Motion to approve minutes made by Donna, seconded by Janet. All approved.

Composting Program today: Felt it went well, Bob, the presenter, did a good job and answered a lot of questions. Should we keep volunteering to do a library program? Aquarium thing, Bee Houses, Composting. Jan would like to keep the pathway open, Films....

<https://forestsociety.org/riveratrisk>

Cardboard Update: Herb wrote an article for Bristol Buzz which hasn't come out yet. Warrant article was written to get 50 tons a year at \$70 a ton. This year we processed 62 tons at \$140 a ton. The revenue from that on top of the cost of not throwing it into the trash to get hauled away has made \$13,000 for the town. We could ask about local businesses who have a lot of cardboard like the Big Catch.

Aluminum cans have started to be baled as well.

OHD: Nancy will have a booth. Handouts and posters. Raffle for the last two baskets.\

Next projects:

- Community Clean Up September 24th. Jan has made a flier to hand out at OHD. One change to wording. Jan will send out press. Lauren Can put it on FB and social media. Get in touch with School.
- Jeremy: Eco Club. Has a meeting with one principal and plans to meet the other. Donna listened to a podcast about support for Eco Clubs and will hopefully be able to find that information.
- 10 towns Initiative: survey for restaurants on how to be more eco friendly.
- Plastic bag ban: legislation in NH just shot down support for it.
- Donna's sister has resources about sustainability with tons of links she wants to share. Maybe getting a QR code for it so we can hang it at the library. CN, MA, and ME have banned single use plastics.
- Promoting Recycling more: plastics, Aluminum cans at transfer stations. Mid State Dentist has a collection for used toothpaste tubes.
- Earth Day Everyday: one little blurb once a month to keep us in the news/ on the minds of others. From now until next May. Think of consistent places to post this info. Hannaford, Library, Schools. Buzz Etc. FB page. Think of other ideas? Give Jan topics. Short info.
- Candidates; how to know what the candidates are in support of before we vote for them. Links to their issues, beliefs. How to reach those candidates. Not focusing on telling people who to vote for, but carefully educating people in town about what legislators are voting for and how to ask them.

Jan represented us at the Master Plan for the town. Suggested changes to the mission. Jan will send it to Lauren.

Lauren will send past minutes to Cade for the website and get the meetings on the calendar.

3rd Wednesday of the Month. September 21st. 6:30 at Town Hall. Lauren will email and get the key for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.