

Town of Bourne Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes

Wed, November 8, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Veterans Memorial Community Building
239 Main St. Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

Members present: Heather DiPaolo, Jean Hills, Kelly Heede, Jimmy Boyle, Charles Bresnahan, Mary Smith

Staff Present: Phil Goddard, ISWM

Pres Present: Michael Rausch, Enterprise Reporter

1. Call to order – 6:00pm

2. Approval: Motion made by Charlie and seconded by Mary to postpone the vote on Notes from September 13, 2023 meeting and accept the Minutes for October 11, 2023 Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

3. Plan & Discuss:

- Potential Tour at EL Harvey: Phil will help coordinate the details of a tour for possible 1/24
- b. 'Green Up Holidays' PR: Discussion of sending tips to press
- c. Implement Terracycle drop locations: The topic of introducing various spots in town to drop off hard to recycle items that do not belong in the Single Stream Recycling program was discussed. This has been done in the past at the elementary school with juice box pouches. Committee Members suggested asking the JBPL, Town Hall, and Community Building if they would be willing to accept these items. Reporter Michael Rausch inquired about the legitimacy of Terracycle after reading articles that argued the real goals of the company. Phil addressed the question by explaining that the bad press was due to the September 2022 article in the online newsletter 'Ethical Consumer' about the validity of the recycling methods Terracycle uses with claims of "greenwashing" the public. Heather reiterated that the program had been used in the past in town with success, but that the committee would do more research on Terracycle before proceeding.

4. Review:

- ISWM Tour: Both Charlie and Mary agreed that the tour of ISWM with Phil was beneficial to learning more about the recycling efforts in town.
- Liquor Store Signage: This has been renamed "Anti-Litter Messaging" to address all the elements of the roadside waste in town. The flyer is being finalized with input from Committee Members.
- Bay State Textiles: The value of this program at the schools was discussed and applauded.
- Next steps for CPA funded water refill stations: After Thanksgiving Heather will reach out to the new DPW Superintendent to inform him of our status and ask for assistance ordering the units.
- School Food Waste: Locations now at Bourne High School, Bourne Middle School, and Bourne Intermediary School using state dividend money.
- Task items/Social Media ideas: Ideas for Green Up Holidays, and send edits on the Anti-Litter signage.
- Date/location for next meeting: December 12, 2023 @ 6:00 pm – Veterans Memorial Community Building 239 Main St, Room 1 Buzzards and Zoom access for Jean. (Goal Setting only agenda item)

5. Adjourn. 6:50 pm motion to adjourn by Kelly, second by Mary and it was carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Heather DiPaolo, Chair

