

Wareham Recycling Committee
Town Hall - 54 Marion Road - Wareham, MA 02571
MINUTES –August 17, 2022 (meeting held in person)

Present: Ann Marie Brooks, Amanda Cobb, Jennifer Gady, Earl Russell

Also Present: Coordinator Marilyn Russell

Meeting called to order 6:22pm by Ms. Gady.

MINUTES:

Reviewed minutes of June 15 meeting - Ms. Gady moved to accept, Ms. Brooks seconded. Roll call vote Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y. Accepted 4-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Earl Russell):

Town Article Account: \$765.19

Revolving Fund \$3,372.93

Grant \$6,150.71

Ms. Russell has used grant money to pay for composters, ABC tipping fees, and TV and battery disposal, and \$340 to Wareham Week for advertising. Ms. Cobb suggested we pursue CEC grant for advertising fees.

Ms. Cobb moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Ms. Brooks seconded. Approved by roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Marilyn Russell):

Redemption Center at the Liquor Barn in Buzzards Bay has closed temporarily so they can install bottle and can machines. We are now transporting returnables to Redemption Centers in Taunton and Manomet. Taunton will only accept 50 "loose" bottles; the rest must be in their original packaging. Plastic bottles and cans are still accepted in large plastic bags.

Ms. Russell has submitted the Annual Report to Selectman Judith Whiteside, who will submit to the Board of Selectmen.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Trex Plastic Bag challenge - Ms. Gady has delivered well over 100 lbs of plastic bags/wrap to date. By the end of September, we should have a better idea if we can reach our 500 lb. goal by December 4.
- Shredding event – We discussed taking donations vs. charging for the shred event on October 22. It was decided that voluntary donations are preferable, and we will decide per person limits (e.g., 2 boxes) We can also use this opportunity to reinforce the idea that we no longer accept shredded paper at the Center, but okay to bring to the shredding event.
- Mattress disposal: In light of the upcoming changes to mattress recycling requirements, Mr. Russell says Recycling Center should have nothing to do with mattress recycling or disposal. Ms. Cobb will reach out to Dave Menard of Municipal Maintenance to see if they have any plan.

Ms. Brooks moved to adjourn; Ms. Gady seconded. Roll call vote Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y, 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 14 at 6pm – tentatively scheduled for in-person at Town Hall.

Documents referenced/reviewed in this meeting:

- Minutes of June 15 Recycling Committee Meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Cobb, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Town Clerk on September 22, 2022.