

Wareham Recycling Committee
Town Hall - 54 Marion Road - Wareham, MA 02571
MINUTES – February 16, 2022 – Meeting via Zoom

5:04pm Meeting called to order.

Present: Jennifer Gady, Ann Marie Brooks, Earl Russell, Marilyn Russell, Amanda Cobb, Brett Glory, Jim Munise

MINUTES: Ann Marie pointed out that the wording “cloudy glass” should be changed to “cloudy plastic” in the minutes of our January 19 meeting, and move to accept the minutes once corrected. Jenn seconded. Vote was unanimous 6-0-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Earl presented balances of \$2,861.18 in the Town Article Account, and \$1,097.15 in the Revolving Account (cash burn higher due to electric bills). Amanda moved to accept the report; Ann Marie seconded. Accepted by unanimous 6-0-0 vote.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Marilyn wants to make sure the High School is involved with Recycling, and will get information from the school as to who is in charge. The Town has a contract for trash and recycling for the schools, separate from the curbside contract with ABC. Jim Munise says the school business office could provide info about the arrangement. Brett will check if the school has resumed recycling (suspended during Covid).

Wayne Edwards of Excel Recycling is going to give a price to purchase the leaking roll-off.

Marilyn received written permission from the DEP to use some of the grant monies to pay ABC for tipping fees. She also wants to use the grant to purchase 6 composters to sell, and is exploring other uses for the grant monies. Certain expenses (salary, utility bills, etc.) cannot be reimbursed by the grant.

Marilyn and Jennifer still trying to contact the Town Administrator’s office to discuss the future of the Recycling Center. Marilyn has drafted a letter to Derek Sullivan, and we voted to have Marilyn send it. Amanda moved to accept the Coordinator’s Report, seconded by Jenn. Vote was unanimous, 6-0-0.

SHREDDING EVENT:

Amanda has been gathering quotes, and will continue to do so. The expense of such an event would be covered under our grant.

FUNDING FROM TOWN:

It costs about \$8,000/year to operate the Recycling Center, and we will shortly run out of money. Jim Munise suggests a Citizens’ Petition, which goes directly onto the Town Meeting Warrant. The Recycling Center offers valuable services not provided by the Transfer Station (tires, fluorescent bulbs, sharps etc.). We might look into getting on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant, as we’re already close to or past the deadline for the Spring Town Meeting.

Jennifer moved to adjourn, seconded by Amanda. Vote was unanimous and meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 16 at 5pm via Zoom.


Amanda Cobb, Committee Secretary