

Wareham Recycling Committee

Town Hall - 54 Marion Road - Wareham, MA 02571

MINUTES – January 18, 2023 (meeting held in person)

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

Also Present: Coordinator Marilyn Russell

Absent: Selectman Ron Besse

6:02pm Meeting called to order by Ms. Gady.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Ms. Cobb: Ms. Brooks moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting; Ms. Gady seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Earl Russell:

Town Article - \$616.88 (of original \$25,000)

Revolving Fund - \$3,153.20

Grant - \$2,892.22 (of original \$11,700)

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

COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Marilyn Russell:

- We have a new volunteer, Judy Grassi, who will work Wednesdays and some Saturdays as needed.
- Tires: Ms. Russell suggested we increase tire prices from \$5 (\$6 with rim) to \$6 (\$7 with rim), as Bob's Tire now charges us \$5 plus 5% fuel charge (for reference, New Bedford Waste charges \$35 for tire disposal).
- For truck tires, our current charge is \$6; Bob's Tire is charging us \$20 each, and we should raise our rates to \$20 to cover our costs (N.B. Waste is charging \$50/each). Ms. Cobb moved to raise our rates as suggested; Mr. Russell seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.
- Paint: NEDT (New England Disposal Technologies) charged us \$840 this year; we collected \$749 in fees. Current fees are \$3/gallon and \$15 per 5-gallon bucket. Should we increase fees? Ms. Cobb moved to table paint disposal price issue until our April meeting when the paint shed will reopen; Ms. Gady seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.
- Tumbling Composters: We currently have 3 available for \$60 assembled, \$50 unassembled.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shred Event: deposit sent and scheduled for Saturday, May 6. Ms. Cobb awaiting word from Municipal Maintenance regarding possible other recycling (e.g. styrofoam, electronics, hazardous waste, etc.)
- Trex Challenge: We received the bench for the last challenge (retail cost \$356). We will sell raffle tickets at \$5 apiece, or 3 for \$10, for a drawing to be held on Saturday, July 15. Ticket holder does not have to be present to win.
- Our new Trex challenge runs from January 14 through July 14, 2023.
- Ms. Russell is still waiting to hear from Matt Stanton re: recruiting a high school volunteer/committee member.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding potential electronics recycling options and finding individuals or groups who want to repair/repurpose old computer parts and peripherals.

Ms. Cobb moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Gady seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 15.

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Documents referenced/reviewed in this meeting:

- Minutes of November 16, 2022 Recycling Committee Meeting
- Coordinator's Report

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Cobb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" and the last name "Cobb" clearly distinguishable.

Amanda Cobb, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Town Clerk on 7/12/23.