

WAREHAM RECYCLING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 24, 2017, 6PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Jennifer Gady, Chairman. Members present were Wanda Savary, Jennifer Gady, Anne-Marie Brooks, and Earl Russell. Marilyn Russell, Recycling Coordinator, was also present as was Wanda's daughter, Sara, who is an occasional volunteer. The committee welcomed Ken Buckland who is working on a Master Plan for the Town of Wareham.

Charlene Price, Secretary, was absent. The committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and the minutes were approved as written.

Earl Russell, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report and also an assessment of our financial situation. The balance as of August 31 is \$3350.00 Earl projected that the center will run out of money by September of 2018. He said the expenses of shutting down amount to \$900.00 so we can effectively only operate until May 2018. He called for a discussion as to how to proceed with financing and whether we should put ourselves on the warrant at Town Meeting. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to table the matter until Earl has a meeting with the Town Administrator to determine our funding status. The report was then accepted as presented.

Marilyn Russell, Coordinator, reported that we have still not heard from SEMASS regarding financial help. She said she had submitted the recycling report for the town's annual report. She also received a letter from Representative Susan Williams Gifford regarding recycling efforts. Marilyn also reported that we still have compost bins for sale. She said that she had received notice from the BOS that we have been approved to reduce the number of required members to 7.

The members then explained our workings to Mr. Buckland and briefed him on how the center and the volunteers work. We discussed the financial issues related to our workings and also alternatives to the current trash and recycling issues in Wareham. We discussed alternatives, location of various dumping sites, demographics of the town and priorities. Mr. Buckland listened to our concerns and said his job is to visit with each of the town committees and hear their concerns and to then develop a way to work these concerns into the Master Plan for the town. He said there will be a Community Forum on September 14 on the Master Plan. He also suggested that we develop a vision for the future concerning the role of our recycling center. We thanked Mr. Buckland for his attendance and concern and agreed to discuss these issues further.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gady, Chairman(for Charlene Price, Secretary)

