

**Wareham Recycling Committee**  
Town Hall - 54 Marion Road - Wareham, MA 02571  
**MINUTES – July 19, 2023 (meeting held in person)**

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

Also Present: Coordinator Marilyn Russell

6:00pm Meeting called to order by Ms. Gady.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - Ms. Cobb:** Ms. Brooks moved to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2023 meeting; Mr. Russell seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.

Ms. Cobb moved to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting; Ms. Brooks seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Brooks-Y, Cobb-Y, Gady-Y, E. Russell-Y.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Earl Russell:**

Town Article - \$72.00 (of original \$25,000)

Revolving Fund - \$2,301.20

Grant - \$11,403.82 (of original \$13,000)

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

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Marilyn Russell:**

- Volunteer Judi Grassi is still unavailable.
- New volunteer Britt Rose is helping in the book shed and swap shed.
- Ms. Russell contacted Renee at WCTV re: reinstating daily bulletin, who sent a copy from the archives; Ms. Russell will make updates.
- Voicemail message and website have been updated with new Saturday hours (9-12).
- Annual Town report is almost finished and will be submitted by Ms. Russell by month's end.
- A customer has offered a used 7X7' Rubbermaid shed; John Antonino could pick up with a trailer.
- Bottle and can donations overwhelming at the moment but will be caught up soon - currently being taken to Raynham.
- Tour of Zero Waste facility in West Wareham? If people interested maybe in the fall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Trex Challenge: Our 2nd Trex challenge ran from January 14 through July 14, 2023; we will get another gray bench as we collected 638 lbs.
- 3rd Trex challenge - Ms. Brooks asks if perhaps another local group or organization willing to do it?
- Ms. Gady will sign up for this 3rd program to run from August 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.
- Committee size and composition: According to Selectperson Whiteside, our Committee was originally 9 members; Ms. Gady and Ms. Brooks recall that it was reduced to 6 members (possibly in 2017 or 18). We need to increase our voting members to at least 5.
- We need to get a student representative from the High School, but if the person is going to be on the committee they need to volunteer at the Center at least once a month (so driver's license?).
- Ms. Gady will reach out to pending new member Andrew Gallagher to invite to our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- More discussion was held regarding potential electronics recycling options...Ms. Russell said that CRS used to provide this service once a year and would charge per pound, but no longer does so.
- The 2023 Wareham Hazmat Day will be held Saturday, September 16 from 9-12 at the Charge Pond Rd. facility. A valid Wareham or Carver Transfer Station sticker is required.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

We will decide whether or not to hold our August 16 meeting one week prior.

Documents referenced/reviewed in this meeting:

- Minutes of May 10, 2023 Recycling Committee Meeting
- Minutes of June 21, 2023 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" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Cobb".

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Amanda Cobb, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Town Clerk on 10/3/23 .