

Wareham Recycling Committee
Town Hall - 54 Marion Road - Wareham, MA 02571
MINUTES –November 16, 2022 (meeting held via Zoom)

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 October 19, 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 - \$702.82 (of original \$25,000)

Revolving Fund - \$2,576.66

Grant - \$4,339.60 (of original \$11,700)

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:

As of November 1, mattresses and textiles can no longer be disposed of in trash or landfill, but must be reused, repurposed or recycled.

Mattresses - Ms. Russell had called Bourne landfill; their charges are \$40 per mattress but \$1.60 per lb. and they are open every day except Tuesday.

Textiles - some companies like Planet Aid accept usable textiles and recycle them (boxes at schools and around town).

Ms. Russell will contact Matt Stanton to get a student from JROTC or Key Club to volunteer and join the Board.

Ms. Russell has received word from Mass DEP that we have been awarded a \$13,000 grant this year, which we will use for tipping fees, composters, etc.

Between May and mid-November, we brought in \$749 (@ \$3.00/can) for paint. Cost for pickup estimated between \$400-500.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trex Challenge - Ms. Gady reported that we will exceed our goal of 500 lbs. by the December 4 deadline (we are currently 28 lbs. away). Ms. Gady will contact Trex about the procedure for getting the bench, and we will then need to decide whether/how to auction or raffle it for the benefit of the Center. Saturday, December 3 will be our last day to accept plastic bags.

Swap Shed - Ms. Cobb suggested we decide on and post some guidelines for items to accept in the swap shed, and will work on a draft.

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 6:38pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 21.

Documents referenced/reviewed in this meeting:

- Minutes of October 19 Recycling Committee Meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Cobb, Secretary

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Town Clerk on 1/20/23.