

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC) Minutes **APPROVED**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

5:30 PM at the Readfield Town Office and via Zoom

Roll call and determination of quorum – Members present: Kellie Hess, Eric Dyer, Kim King, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Bob Weimont, Al Parks, Amy Black, Aaron Chrostowsky, Karen Peterson Public: Mark King

Review and Acceptance of January 12, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept by Kellie Hess; Second by Kathryn Mills Woodsum. **Vote to Accept: Unanimous**

Composting Update: Discussion with Mark King -

Mark visited the Transfer Station on April 12 to review the ongoing food composting effort and traffic flow. The segregation of food/manure from leaf debris is good. Mark suggested that the free compost offering be located near the fridges to separate that activity from the food compost drop-off area. He noted a lot of the lobster trap home compost bins remain and encouraged the Committee to engage residents again to keep interest high. Perhaps assemble some of the bins and have them available for residents to take home, using some educational signage:

If you want to compost at home – this bin is for you

If you want to compost at home in the summer and use the Transfer Station compost bin in the winter – this bin is for you

If you want to haul your food compost to the Transfer Station year-round – this bin is not for you

This would emphasize that food composting can be comprised of both efforts and get the bins out into the communities and in use.

Discussed using some grant funds to engage the Maranacook HS Green Team to host a table at the Annual Plant Sale at Starling Hall in Fayette on May 28 to educate Fayette, Readfield, Wayne residents in attendance of the Food Composting Program and have a mix of assembled and flat lobster trap bins there for residents of the 3 communities to take home.

Wayne Friends of the Library are also having a plant and bake on May 28; possibly have some bins available there?

General Operations: Eric and Karen discussed highlights of the Third Quarter Operational and Financial Update memo provided by Eric on April 13, which include:

- Repairs to the building housing the rest room and break room to accommodate space for the re-opening of the Swap Shop. Break room relocated to MSW compactor office (needs new air conditioner unit; current one cannot keep space comfortable in the summer; possibly heat pump?)
- Repair to concrete curbing in front of bins and hoppers. New gates at demo and MSW bins. Signs to “See Attendant for Assistance” will be added and it was suggested that the gates have a chain lock so public cannot open; must see attendant with key.
- Installation of low-flow toilet to reduce amount of wastewater flowing to closed-system septic
- Internet service now connected at Transfer Station. Electronic payment system is fully operational, and no complaints have been received
- Tipping/Hauling RFP to be issued in anticipation of 6/30/22 expiration of current contract
- All Covid-19 restrictions lifted

- Just completed a full year of no employee injuries!

Finances:

- Revenues ahead of budget estimates (88%); metal performing well
- Expenses just under 75% target
- MSW projected to be slightly over budget at fiscal year end

Public Comment: No members of the public present

Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Sunday, July 10 8-12

- i.* Plan to invite Fayette & Mt. Vernon this year
- ii.* Vendor will complete forms as residents drop off material

The Swap Shop is scheduled to reopen May 1.

New business: No new business as time was short

Annual Report - Kathryn emailed the 2021 report to members highlighting accomplishments

Next Meetings - Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at Readfield Town Office, 5:30 pm

1. Composting update
2. Electronic Payments update
3. Carry over to a future date a discussion on holding composting events and school visit arrangements with Liza Bitterman from ecomaine, due to Covid-19 pandemic.
4. Other

Wednesday October 12, 2022 at Readfield Town Office, 5:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

Respectfully submitted: Kim King