

Meeting Minutes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday April 5th, 2022, 7:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Janice McPhillips/Maria Zade/Katie Gallacher/Mark Engel/Alyson Anderson

1. Textile Ban discussion

Maria put together a Textile Ban document for the ban, which will come into effect in November 2022, and has sent it to Randy for review. It will be included in the Hingham Municipal Light Plant bill to inform the town residents of the new rules. Towards the end of the summer we will plan to publish an article in The Anchor, put out social media posts, posters at the Senior Center/Town Hall to further educate the public of these new rules.

2. Water Filling Stations

Hydration Stations vary in cost from around \$100 to more than \$5,000 depending on whether they have bottle filling components or are simple water drinking fountains and also whether or not they can be winterized. Janice spoke to the water company who seemed amiable to install them; Russ Tierney from the Weir River Water Company was enthusiastic. Next steps are to determine a budget - perhaps start with 2 and work up from there? **Action: Janice** to ask Russ Tierney where in town the infrastructure already exists to install them easily and whether Weir River Water Company would be willing to maintain them.

Water Bottle Ban - Municipal and Commercial bans are two separate entities - we could potentially plan for a town ban first (ie cannot be sold in schools, Rec camp etc). Will start socialisation and publicity events in June 2022.

3. Better Bottle Bill

No update. **Action: Janice** to research and relay any information back to the committee.

4. Update on Handbook

Katie has completed as much as she is able to do at this stage. **Action: Janice** to review and complete the section on the Bag Ban as she was the only current member of the committee who was involved in that process. **Action: Maria** to ask the AdCom liaison what the process is to start a meeting - ie specific language required?

5. Revised RDP Guidelines

There are 2 levels of funding - basic and advanced; Hingham is in the advanced group as it gets more than 10 points - each of which is worth \$1300.

One extra point could be earned by organizing a townwide curbside pickup of food waste for composting - a vendor is selected and then a rate is negotiated per household. Black Earth currently offers this service privately in Hingham. We would need to go through a RFP process - potentially CGH could negotiate the program on behalf of the DPW.

One extra point could be earned by running 1 Zero Waste event per year - would need to allow for drop off & pick up a minimum of 8 items. This would potentially end up with a lot of items left at the end of the event for the committee/DPW to dispose of. We decided not to move forward with this event at this time.

One extra point could be earned by running a Community Repair Event (or 2pts for 3 or more events per year) where the public bring in broken items and local experts repair them. Perhaps we could start small with a table at the Library - perhaps HHS students would run this for community service hours? **Action: Alyson** to speak to Rorie Malerbi at HHS

One extra point could be earned by running at least 6 textile recovery initiatives. **Action: Maria** to see whether collections could be held at Hingham Community Center - would limit to kids clothing only to start with.

One extra point could be earned by running an education and outreach campaign

6. Household Hazardous Waste Day

14th of May at PRS. **Action: Katie** will help out again this year together to split the shift with **Mark** and **Janice**

7. Calendar of Monthly Events

April - Childrens' Event 'Make a Worm Bin' set for 20th April 2022

Cleaner Greener Hingham Day - townwide cleanup being run on 23rd April from 9-11am So far have over 80 people signed up including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and several individuals

May - Hazardous Waste Collection organized by South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) **Actions: Katie, Janice and Mark** (see above)

8. Items not reasonably anticipated 48hrs in advance

An email has been sent to the Committee regarding the increased number of Lawn Signs in town **Action: Maria** to reply to the email.

9. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

All covered above

10. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 1st March 2022 meeting were approved

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Katie Gallacher