

## Meeting Minutes

### Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday April 6th, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

In attendance: Andy Ayer/Katie Puzo/Janice McPhillips/Christine Nielsen/Alyson Anderson/David White/Maria Zade/Stephen Jiranek/Katie Gallacher/Matt Cahill (DPW)

Absent: Pete Stathopoulos

Guests: Mark Buonagurio

#### 1. Transfer Station (TS) Updates

##### 1. *Update Compost Bin Program*

Matt confirmed the press release from the Hingham Department of Public Works (DPW) has been finalized and will go out to the Hingham Journal for publication.

**Action: Stucky & Alyson** to review. The DPW has received delivery of 21 bins and will order 50 at a time going forward. Bins available at \$25 each (retail cost \$60). The anticipated automated payment system is not ready yet but anyone wishing to purchase a bin should call the DPW office, who will accept cash/check payment until the online system has been rolled out. The information on how to order will go live on the DPW website tomorrow. Janice has agreed to run a zoom workshop/presentation about how to set up the bins and use them correctly on 29th April at 7pm. **Action: Matt** to arrange this to be run on the town account. **Action: Janice** to ask the Library to promote. Matt has posters to advertize the compost bin scheme. **Action: Matt** to put posters up at TS.

**Action: CGH committee** to put them in local businesses around town. There is a video on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) website showing how to set up the compost bins **Action: Stucky** to add a link to this to the flyer. **Action: Janice** to write an article for publication in the Hingham Anchor. **Action: Alyson** to write a short message of promotion to send out to the various school newsletters, church newsletters, town Facebook (FB) pages.

**Action: Katie P** to send Alyson the contacts for St Paul's/Resurrection Churches & Derby Academy newsletters. Janice is finalizing details for CGH manning the community table at Hingham Farmers Market and will communicate with the committee once confirmed. Janice has a compost bin that can be used as a demonstration model. **Action: Janice** to reach out to the Hingham High School (HHS) Green Team to see if they would also take shifts at the Farmers Market.

## 2. Annual Report

Andy emailed the final report to the committee for review and reference.

## 3. Subcommittee Updates

### a. *Bylaw/Reg Review (David, Katie P, Maria)*

Tabled with Randy

### b. *Community Outreach (Andy, Janice)*

CGH webpage needs reviewing - Katie G was asked to delay her report on this to the May meeting.

Outstanding item - Map of the TS not on the CGH website. **Action: David** to update the TS map and send to Janice.

### c. *Education (Andy, Chris)*

Harbor Media videos - currently ongoing project.

### d. *Events (Chris, Katie P)*

Clean Up Day - arranged for 17th April 2021. There is an online sign up form that residents can use to either sign up to an already allocated area to clean up or nominate their own neighborhood or another place in town. The DPW will collect trash from certain named areas, otherwise volunteers will be asked to take any trash collected to the TS. Trash bags will be available for collection at a central location (to be confirmed) or volunteers can supply their own. At the end of the day CGH members to check each location to ensure all collected bagged trash has been removed. **Action: Chris and Katie P** to promote in town FB pages, Hingham Anchor, school newsletters etc. #cleanupingham2021

### e. *Refuse/Reuse (Alyson, Stucky)*

No update

## 4. Items not reasonably anticipated 48hrs in advance

- Hazardous Waste Collection - date set for May 15th 2021. Will need to be advertized around town in the weeks beforehand. Might need a couple of volunteers to help at the TS on the day - to be confirmed.
- Questions from schools - Janice and Andy both fielding questions on the phone and via the CGH email account.

- **Action: Andy** to speak to Bill Ramsey (Board of Selectmen) about paying for a license for a town Instagram account (needs a license so it can be archived) that CGH can use to promote events in the Town
- Mark Buonagurio raised his concerns about tires being dumped on Conservation area land around town and whether there was a way to promote tire recycling/disposal at the TS. This is both an environmental issue and also a concern for mosquito breeding. **Action: Andy** to contact Randy to discuss and give feedback at the next meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes from March 2021 meeting

Minutes approved.

Next meeting May 11th 2021 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted, Katie Gallacher