

Meeting Minutes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Tuesday June 8th, 2021, 7:00 pm via Zoom

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

Absent: Pete Stathopoulos/Alyson Anderson

1. Transfer Station (TS) Updates

1. *Update Compost Bin Program*

60 preorders for compost bins, sold 21 already. Ongoing issues with supply chain and no date at this time for when the next order will be delivered to the TS. There is now a link from the town Department of Public Works (DPW) website to a composting information page, including a recording of the video workshop hosted by CGH. Andy asked if DPW could provide contact details for residents who purchased bins to CGH in order to try to work out if there was any increase in vermin in the areas where people were using town supplied compost bins. Matt felt it wasn't appropriate to provide private data without prior consent, but agreed that it would be a good idea to add a checkbox for residents to agree to provide details going forward. **Action: Matt** to coordinate with DPW. CGH has permission to attend the Hingham Farmers Market (HFM) on Saturday 12th June 2021 from 9am-1pm. No physical copies of the composting pamphlets will be provided by the DPW but there will be a QR code available with a link to access digitally. Blurb to be provided to the HFM by Wednesday 9th June to promote the event **Action: Janice** to write. Matt will provide the sandwich board from the TS with information about how to order etc but will not be available to attend **Action: Janice** to collect from TS on Friday. Janice will attend HFM from 9-11 and David from 11-1

Matt reported that the process of digitizing sticker renewals is ongoing. The DPW office will be reopening by appointment only. There is no date set for the Swap Shop to reopen but discussions are ongoing.

Bulky waste charge is creating some increased revenue for the DPW but this is overshadowed by the increase in both amounts of trash and the costs to dispose of it. Trash is increased due to numbers of people working from home and also increases in takeout and eating at home. Stucky asked if the DPW can provide

numbers to the committee of how much more trash has been disposed of at the TS this year compared to last **Action: Matt** to ask Randy for updated figures.

2. Climate Committee Update

_____No update available at this time as the committee has not met yet.

3. Subcommittee Updates

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

No updates

b. *Community Outreach (Andy, Janice)*

CGH website - take summer to review the website with aim to rebuild in Fall

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

c. *Education (Andy, Chris)*

Harbor Media videos - currently ongoing project.

d. *Events (Chris, Katie P)*

Google doc with the emails of people who attended Cleanup Day to be completed together with a page of instructions to pass on to future committee members about how to set up and run Cleanup Days **Action: Katie P & Chris**

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

No update

4. Items not reasonably anticipated 48hrs in advance

- It was agreed to develop a CGH Playbook in order to record the history of the committee and provide helpful information to new committee members and ensure consistency moving forward. **Action: David** to write a document detailing the history of the committee. **Action: Andy** to include document provided by Events subcommittee on Cleanup Day **Action: Andy, Janice, Katie G** to form subcommittee to oversee production of Playbook
- Meetings should be back in person after 15th June 2021

- Joe Fisher (Selectboard) sent an email to CGH re. State grant applications, which are due mid-July. Janice replied to email to say that her understanding was that the committee are not eligible to be applicants for these grants, only DPW directly, but that she would follow up with Randy.
- Katie P, Chris and David have all decided not to continue on the committee and are sincerely thanked for all their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment over their time on the committee.

5. Approval of Minutes from May 2021 meeting

Minutes approved.

Next meeting August 10th 2021 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted, Katie Gallacher