

## Meeting Notes

Cleaner Greener Hingham / Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee

Thursday September 26, 7:00 pm at Town Hall

### In attendance:

Janice, Maria, Chris, Stucky, David, Katie P

### Absent:

Steve C., Andy, Randy, Katie G

1. DPW Liaison: -- **Randy not in attendance; no update possible**
  - a) Any updates from the Transfer Station?
  - b) Plastic Films collection at Transfer Station
  - c) Review RDP points with Randy
  - d) Food Waste collection pilot at Transfer Station
2. Updating Committee Goals for 2019 including Resident requests for food waste composting

#### **Focus on What is Next:**

- No single use cups
- Banning plastic straws
- **Recycling plastic films at the Transfer Station**  
*Committee has selected this as the 2019/2020 Mission*
- Compost!
- More cleanup days
- Teams "owning" field cleanup
- Reducing carbon footprint/carbon neutral

#### **No Food Waste**

- Moving to ½ ton requirements in two years
- Exploring options

3. Community Outreach/Education in general:
  - a) Newsletter – Fall newsletter ideas?  
*Email blast did not work -- Janice calling Kate Richardson*  
*Need to do another issue before December*  
*Holiday-focused: send out in early November*  
*Plastic Films update*  
*Re-run reusable cups piece*  
*Steve Collins to continue as editor*
  - b) The Green Team  
*Janice continuing on as contact*

- c) FB Tips!  
10/3 Chris  
10/17 David  
10/31 Janice  
11/14 Katie P.  
11/28 Maria
  - d) Journal articles past and future - (Steve C)
  - e) Status of demonstration boxes at Transfer Station - Stucky J  
*In progress, all approvals in  
Expected installation end of October  
Janice → Carol form Anchor → Griffin and parent (coverage for installation)*
  - f) Sustainability program at Hingham Community Center -  
*Andy not in attendance -- no update*
  - g) Plastic bag recycling at Transfer Station?  
*Rolled into plastic film exploratory project*
  - h) What Must I Recycle document needs to be approved by Randy, use parts to update CGH website? --  
*Randy has not yet reviewed the document*
  - i) School Green Teams – update the contact list and plan a meeting  
*Janice continuing as contact*
  - j) Working with Hingham Sports Partnership, Athletic Director and Coaches, and Fall youth sports teams to reduce water bottles -  
*Andy not in attendance; no update*
  - k) Recycling and promoting reusable water bottles at schools – work with School Green Teams  
*Stucky had a meeting and the school makes \$100,000 on selling water bottles.  
Would benefit the cause if the students took up the cause*
  - l) Budget for CGH Committee - Andy. Reimbursement for poster expenses to Stucky?  
*Stucky is owed money for reimbursements*
  - m) Town Long Range Planning meeting 9/18– did anyone go?  
*Andy was sick and not able to attend; no one attended*
  - n) Free webinar on Plastic soup – did anyone watch?  
*Stucky!*
  - o) Webinar about plastic films –  
*Stucky reported to group on it*
  - p) Update on State Bag ban?  
*Supported by our representatives, fee removed, stalled*
4. Education and Implementation of bag bylaw:
- a) CGH webpage progress - Subcommittee – Andy, Chris, Maria  
*Updated with link to text of by-law and three PDF articles  
Broke out roles  
Publish a condensed version of Ken Stone's piece on paper bags  
Switch focus to information  
More to come!*
  - b) Window stickers - Andy A & Stucky  
*Stucky -- Downtown & Hingham Centre*

*Maria - Derby Street & 53*  
*Katie - Shipyard*  
*Stucky to get 8.5 x 11 color copies for businesses*

c) **Promotion of reusable bags**

*farmers market on 10/5*

*(Katie/Janice/Chris)*

*Focus on plastic bag ban*

*Interactive activity*

**Library cart**

*Complete!*

**Newspaper article and Anchor**

*Steve Collins*

**Window at Brewed Awakenings**

*Maria giving it a shot!*

**Update bulletin board at Town Hall**

*Stucky to put poster in*

*Poster now is v wordy; review of content expected*

**Harbor Media (Pete)**

*Pete not in attendance -- no update*

d) Work with school PTO Green Committees to promote reusable bags when school resumes

*Stucky to discuss the plastic bag ban*

e) HHS Green Team reusable bags

*For sale at homecoming*

f) Poster at Hingham Community Center day of House Tour on 9/29

*Janice putting up*

5. Approval of Minutes from 8/6/19 meeting

**Minutes approved!**

6. Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hrs. in advance

October meeting - **Tuesday, October 15 7:00**