

North Yarmouth Waste Reduction Committee

Minutes: 3/4/24

Attendees: Laurie Gilman, Nicole Hewes, Keith Bubblo, Jim Briggs, Mike Billon, Lisa Belanger

1. Call to Order: 6:32
2. Approval/Amendment of Minutes from 2/6/24 Meeting
 - a. Laurie moves to accept the minutes, Nicole seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
3. Old Business
 - a. Public Input
 - b. Food Waste Subcommittee Updates (10 mins.)
 - i. MSAD51 Composting Initiative [Lisa]
 1. Had a second mtg to discuss the food waste sorting process with Susanne Lee and a GtG rep present. The plan is to start with a food waste audit and staff/student education this spring with full implementation expected in the fall. Both Susanne's UMS team and GtG will remain involved.
 - ii. March 9th Event [Lisa, Keith, Jim] - 12 to 1:30PM
 1. Advertisement to recruit new Waste Reduction Committee member during the event (Nicole)
 2. Garbage to Garden QR code for people to sign up
 3. What do we need for refreshments?
 - a. Cookies and Drinks (Water, tea, coffee)
 - b. Lisa will purchase cups and napkins
 - c. We will provide liquids and gtg container
 - c. Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) Forum Summary & Next Steps [Keith] (3 mins.)
 - i. Forum was on 2/12/24 - Well received and survey still open
 - d. Update from Meeting with Diane re: Trash Transition [Nicole & Keith] (5 mins.)
 - e. Pay As You Throw Trash Webinar [Jim] (3 mins.)
 - i. Town manager is open to keep Pay as you Throw

- ii. Casella has the capability to monitor what goes into trucks, possibly able to keep PAYT even with new bins

f. Presentation of Waste Reduction Committee Sign (3 mins.)

- i. Invoice was submitted to the chair for submission to town

4. New Business

a. Discussion with Denny Gallaudet, Cumberland Sustainability Committee Chair (30 mins.)

i. What work has the Cumberland committee done?

1. Worked with GPCOG to get data on residential carbon use
2. Was able to estimate food waste potential of residents
3. Advertise incentives from efficiency maine to get residents to switch to Heat pumps
4. Education on food emissions to inform residents about impacts of diet

ii. Possible areas of collaboration

1. Potentially reach out to Cumberland Town Council, about allowing North Yarmouth to use brush dump
2. Take a tour of the brush dump in Cumberland to witness the facility

b. Discussion of Committee Priorities for 2024 (25 minutes)

- i. Town clean-up effort
- ii. MSAD51 food waste
- iii. Community food waste - Expanding Garbage to Garden locations
- iv. Supporting trash transition
- v. Stronger website / Facebook presence for resource-sharing
 - 1. Plastics → Education?

c. May 4th, 2024 will be bulky trash pick up day

5. Adjournment: 8:00PM

- a. Next Meeting: 4/1/24