

Minutes from August 10, 2006 NASWAC Meeting

DPW Office, 7:00PM

Attendees: Tina Klein, Chair; Bill Hmurciak, Steve Daly, Keith Alter

The committee welcomed new member Keith Alter.

Action items are **highlighted**

Old Business:

Virtual Town Hall webpages

- <http://nandoverma.virtualtownhall.net/>
- All content required by Aug. 16
- Tina requested **feedback** regarding recycling pages content
- NorthAndoverRecycles.com will remain an active url that gets redirected to the new webpage address

New Business:

DEP Grant Application

- Deadline for early-decision "consulting time" requests (e.g. Carolyn Dann's time) must be submitted by Aug. 15.
- Grant application deadline for recycling containers, banners, etc. is Sept. 15
- If we intend to apply for the public space containers, **we will need to discuss logistics** for collection through email over the course of the month, prior to next month's meeting.

School Recycling Initiatives

- Goal is to make recycling fully accessible to the N.A. schools
- Each school building needs a cardboard collection system
- DeRosa (Integrated Paper Recyclers) has agreed to place a dumpster at each school location. Exact dumpster locations need to be arranged with the schools (site survey).
- DEP grant money may be available to perform site surveys and to fund improvements (fencing, etc.) to accommodate these dumpsters, but that request would have to be submitted along with our Technical Assistance proposal.
- NA DPW would make the request in behalf of NA.
- If awarded, invoices for any of this work must be submitted before June 30 '07 to qualify for re-imburement.
- DPW would oversee such projects.

Fall edition "One Person's Trash"

- The committee voted to suspend the '06 Fall edition due to time constraints.
- Content to be gathered for the Winter edition.

Town Wide Yard Sale: debriefing

- First TWYS attracted 32 households bringing in \$320.00
- Expenses totaled approx. \$50.00
- Wet weather may have cancelled some of the sales. Next year sales should be

listed as "rain or shine".

- 1st June weekend after Father's Day works well for future TWYS.
- Suggestion: method to categorize items for sale to aid shoppers (e.g, product codes for electronics, baby items, etc.)

NASWAC Redeemable Can/Waste Audit

- Steve submitted status report and contact list
- Keith Alter will contact Boy Scouts and arrange best date for audit.
- Tina will contact Lillian Montello for her box truck availability.
- Tina to followup with National Park Service in Lowell to see if we can borrow the sorting table they use for the Lowell Folk Festival

Book Recycling Program

- Got Books? Local company will collect usable books in containers they supply. No cost to town. www.gotbooks.com
- Steve will contact Sue Ellen Holmes at Stevens Mem. Library to discuss feasibility and options to site collection bins at the library.
- Tina to contact Fernando at Got Books to arrange a site visit and discuss container size.

Button Cell Batteries

- Program is available to receive \$100.00 per pound of recycled button batteries (approx. 400 batteries). Such batteries are found in watches, and hearing aids. Maximum award is \$500 per year per municipality.
- Boy Scouts may want to consider this as a fundraiser. 400 bottles/cans= \$20.00. 400 button batteries= \$100.00

The committee recognizes the extra efforts of former DPW office person, Bernadette, to aid our committee and would like to show our appreciation. Further discussion at next meeting.

Next meetings: September 14, October 12