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February 7, 2008, 7:00PM

North Andover Library Meeting Room

Attendees: Tina Klein, Chair; Steve Daly, Vice-Chair; Bruce Thibodeau, DPW Director; Debbie Eaton; Martha Mittelstaedt; Pete Murley; Judy Walker; Susan Almano; Lisa Conti.

- I. Call to Order and confirm minute recorder
 - Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.
 - Martha Mittelstaedt recorded minutes.
- II. Introductions (if new people in attendance)
 - New DPW director, Bruce Thibodeau, was introduced to the group
- III. Accept last month's minutes (January)
 - January's minutes were accepted
 - Tina explained the minutes to Bruce

IV. Old Business

a. Review action items from January minutes – Steve

- No action items to review

b. TBI contracting update – Tina

- Business' will still be allowed to go to drop off location even after it moves to TBI's Holt Road location

- TBI agreed to recycling at large apartment complexes. Each location will need to be evaluated to see if the best solution is curbside bins, totes or dumpsters. This committee will likely be asked to help get the word out to apartment complexes and help them determine the best option.

- Town has mandatory recycling bylaw

- Not exactly sure how the town is going to handle this in regards to large complexes. Curbside enforcement of waste bans currently does not apply to apartments because the town does not get their trash. We will need to discuss this again at a future meeting.

- There was much discussion around the complexes and who is picked up curbside.

- Bruce needs to come up to speed on who is picked up curbside now

- **Action:** Bruce will request list from Assessor's office of all residential buildings with more than 8 units.

- Phased vs weekly - options

- Option 1 – go weekly from the beginning and use the current red bins and separate recycling or buy a lidded container and throw all recycling in it

- Option 2 – Keep bi-weekly recycling and phase in TBI supplied containers. Once all residents have a TBI supplied container, switch to weekly recycling. With this options residents can continue to use their red bins and set out dual-stream recycling, or provide a lidded container and set out single-stream recycling.

- Group was polled and most preferred to go to weekly pick up from the beginning. Many had multiple bins every other week and all had some sort of system in place for separating recycling

- Question about single stream reference made on Conserve-a-tree website listed on inside pages of Winter edition of OPT

- article implies the materials is hard to separate and ends up in land fill

- Information incorrect, **Action:** Tina to investigate

- Option to have closed bin for single stream

- **Action:** Bruce is to look into the single stream bins

- 64 gal ~ \$45, 35 gal also available

- Town needs to be prepared for residents to return their red bins and ask for their \$3 deposit to be returned

- What would we do with the red bins? Condo's, schools

- Container identification: **Action:** Bruce to investigate sticker alternatives

c. OPT – need follow-up on:

- Town wide collections – add list to OPT

- Rotary club Bike Bank – May 3rd

- **Action:** Steve Daly to send blurb to Tina about event

- Senior center? – **Action:** Susan to stop in, any guidelines?

- Lions club – glasses bin at Town hall

- Sneaker collection at Sargent School – **Action:** Lisa to send Tina program information.

- Add collection box during rain barrel pick up
- Yard waste collection. **Action:** Bruce to forward April collection dates to Tina
- **Action:** Bruce to find out if residents can take chips
- Publications for Pesticide use was discussed
- Way to reduce lawn chemicals
- **Action:** Bruce to followup with Linda Hmurciak about getting watershed maps for publication in future OPT.
- d. Event calendar
- Event calendar was reviewed – lots coming up this spring
- Events need coordinators
- In a follow-up discussion after the meeting, Norm agreed to coordinate Earth Day, but will need help from many.
- Coordinators are asked to draft an implementation timeline utilizing the publicity checklist as a guide. We will brainstorm ideas for each timeline at future meetings
- Rain barrel distribution
- **Action:** Pete to send survey to last years rain barrel recipients
- Lisa to help with rain barrel distribution and sneaker collection
- **Action:** In a follow-up discussion after the meeting Lisa agreed to contact Brooks School and Philip DeCologero (Merrimack College) about participating in a sneaker collection to culminate with the rain barrel distribution day.
- **Action:** Debbie to send info to school newspapers about rain barrel distribution and household hazardous waste day
- **Action:** Tina to call about rain barrel order cut off date
- Household Hazardous Waste Day
- **Action:** Bruce to ask John Cyr about Household Hazardous waste day banner.
- Response:** Email followup after the meeting: John indicated the banner no longer exists. It shredded during a wind storm.
- Fliers for HHWday – **Action:** Tina to send template to Debbie
- **Action:** Tina to call Melissa for balance in “Got Books” account, we can use this money to buy folding signs to post around town. Steve spent a few minutes explaining the “Got books” program.
- Need to put marks on a town map to decide the ideal spots for the signs and remember where we put them. We’ll discuss at next meeting.
- Shredding Event – Pete to coordinate
- **Action:** Pete to draft publicity timeline for discussion at next meeting
- **Action:** Pete to draft article for Spring OPT
- More publicity – signs
- Earth Day Cleanup – Norm to coordinate (agreed after the meeting)
- Debbie & Steve Parks agreed to help
- **Action:** Norm to draft timeline for discussion at next meeting
- Town wide yard sale – Steve Daly to coordinate
- **Action:** Steve D. to draft timeline for discussion at next meeting
- **Action:** Martha to contact local newspapers to have events listed in the calendar section and possibly have feature articles written
- **Action:** Steve Daly to send contact information

V. New Business

- Electronics Recycling – short discussion
 - Where to bring I-pods, cell phones, etc
 - Citizen pushed forward – Steve Hatch. He may attend our next meeting
- Meeting spaced conflict for May meeting – continued until next meeting

VI. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Next scheduled meetings: March 6th, April 3rd