



Minutes for May Meeting
May 9th, 2008 7:00 PM
DPW Building

Attendees: Tina Klein, Steve Daly, Bruce Thibodeau, Martha Mittelstaedt, Lisa Conti, Karen Kline, Steve Parkes, Keith Alter, Debbie Eaton, Judy Walker, Norm Bagley, and Pete Murley.

Minutes from April meeting accepted.
Pete Murley to take minutes for May meeting

Old business:

- Shredding event – May 17th at DPW – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- **Tina** to email notice to all Recycling Captains. (about 300)
- Debbie has sent notices to the schools, and Martha has sent releases to the appropriate publications. **Pete** will contact Universal Shredding and arrange to have their truck at the DPW building by 8:45 AM. **Pete** will meet them there and get them situated.
- Rain barrels: - 79 barrels were sold which was considered to be a successful number.
- Earth Day clean-up: - Approximately 300 volunteers participated. (35 were walk-ons) The picker-upper-grabber things were deemed to be a big hit. Karen suggested pre-assigning the tough areas. It was also suggested that we think about distributing supplies before the actual day to make things a little less hectic. Kudos to Norm et al for a successful operation.
- TBI update: - The contract has been sent to TBI. If no more changes are requested or questions raised the contract will be discussed with the selectmen. Topic is tentatively scheduled for their May 19th meeting. Should everything go smoothly we could be in business by June 1st. Nobody seemed particularly optimistic about that happening. **Tina** will put a notice in OPT that it *may* be happening.
- Discussions of the containers remain unsettled. There are 700 recycling stickers available but it appears that they won't stick to all surfaces, especially under cold weather conditions. Folks can use their own containers if they are lidded. There was some concern about people not understanding that “single stream” does not mean combining your trash with your recycling. Notices will be sent through the schools to direct people to the website.
- By-law question. **Tina** will locate the by-law concerning recycling requirements – if any – for apartment and condo complexes.

- Lawn signs: Tina will store them in her basement if **Bruce** can find them

New Business:

- School recycling: - As it is the end of the school year, **Bruce** will ask Charley DeRosa at IPR if the schools can mix paper and cardboard in the dumpsters to help move the process along.
- I should point out that it was at this moment in the meeting that Debbie informed us that she is moving to Westwood on July 1st and will be resigning her seat on the committee. (We will miss her.) Lisa will be taking over the task of funneling the school announcements to the appropriate people. No hands were raised to make the lawn signs.
- Town-wide yard sale. – 7/21 and 7/22 – Steve Daly has devised a category spreadsheet to help shoppers pinpoint their destinations and help sellers reach their target market. It looked to everyone to be a really good idea. It was also noted that a media blitz for the event would include the website, Eagle Tribune, Citizen, Town Crossing, schools, cable tv, and church bulletins. **Debbie** is going to put it on Craig’s List, and **Karen** is going to post flyers in Lawrence. **Steve** is working on a registration form with the goal of having all sellers identified by June 14th.
- Lawrence meeting concerning the Building Materials Resource Center: - These folks are looking for a location in Lawrence to establish what is already a going concern in Roxbury. People bring over cast-off building materials such as cabinets and doors, and other people buy them. The meeting was attended by Bruce and the Steves who reported that the plan definitely has potential.

Random items as time permitted:

Associate members – The selectmen have agreed to allow the appointment of associate members who would carry a one year commitment. These members may be appointed by THE CHAIR, or as we like to say, Tina.

Update – The committee has been asked by the selectmen to prepare an update of all appropriate numbers. I have no names written in the minutes, but I’m pretty sure it will be done by somebody who actually knows what the numbers are.

Zero Waste Day – This involves people dropping off “stuff” that they want to get rid of but might be of some use to a charity. The participating charities set up trucks at the site and the “stuff” is distributed at the moment it is dropped off. Andover has been doing this for several years. It was suggested that we invite Marya Lundgren, of the Andover Recycling Committee Lundgrens, to a fall meeting to discuss the event and how we might go about organizing our own.

The next meeting will be May 29th at the DPW building. 7:00 PM.