

Meeting Minutes, NASWAC September 8, 2005

Meeting place: DPW Conference Room

Present: Tina Klein, Chair; Bill Hmurciak, Deb Lynch, Steve Daly, Karen Kline

Minutes recorded by Steve Daly

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM

- I. New board member, Deb Lynch, was introduced by Tina. Tina, Bill and Steve filled Deb in on the history of the committee, its goals and objectives to date. Deb explained her background as a data analyst also included some web page (creation) training. After seeking information about North Andover recycling guidelines and finding the available information confusing, she was invited to apply for appointment to this committee. Deb will take special interest to help review and update the recycling webpage. In addition, Deb will be an asset to the committee as we analyze the various reports, such as the "Municipal Recycling Data Sheet". Welcome, Deb.
- II. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A) **Municipal Recycling Data Sheet.**
 - 1) Bill presented the Calendar Year 2004 MRDS, which is the form on which he details to the DEP North Andover's trash disposal numbers for the previous year. Bill explained that he has far more confidence in the 2004 numbers included than the 2003 numbers. Some of the 2003 data can not be considered fully accurate.
 - 2) Discussion ensued relative to the situation of redeemable aluminum beverage cans. Currently, these redeemable cans are not separated from non-deposit cans in the DPW roll-off containers. Also, due to load contamination, the town is often not even getting fair dollar for the value of the recycled aluminum, much less the lost deposit (\$.05 per can). It would be valuable to know the deposit value of a roll-off load to see if it worth altering the drop off set up to separate redeemables. **Action:** Steve will contact the Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts to discuss possible recovery effort.
 - 3) As no specific numbers relative to auto battery recycling were available for the report, the committee will inquire from DPW what happens to the batteries brought there. **Action:** Tina will inquire regarding auto batteries.
- III. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A) NAMS art project, "Middle Moment". Karen Kline presented a program she has pioneered with the support of the superintendent to have 8th grade students create sculptures from recycled materials and to display them in the outdoor garden area of the North Andover Middle School.
 - B) Web page re-design: The North Andover recycles web page is in need of updated information to bring it in line with current recycling guidelines. Bill reported that the calendar section has been updated. **Action:** Tina and Deb will meet to plan web page updates. Bill suggested enlisting help from Bernadette and Lisa.

- C) Hazardous Waste Day, Saturday, October 15, 2005. Note, the 3rd Saturday in October comes early next month! We discussed avoiding scheduling HHWD so that it falls on Columbus Day weekend. However, this year Columbus Day weekend is the *previous weekend* (Oct. 10) and will not conflict. **Actions:** Bill will be publicizing the event in the Eagle-Tribune, N.A. Citizen, and Town Crossings. Tina will contact Pat Scanlon for advertising funds through his mercury reduction fund. Tina will contact Clean harbors for their flyer “Do Evil Spirits Lurk in Your Closet.” She will email this to the recycling captains for distribution.
- D) Shredding Event: The committee would like to offer this twice per year, in May and in October. **Action:** Steve will contact Sue Murley to see if her company is available to offer this in October this year.
- E) Zero Waste Day: We would like to host the next Zero Waste Day which was offered in Andover last year. Most of the participants and volunteers were from Andover. Discussion ensued on possible venues for this in North Andover. While it is easier to hold this on town owned land such as a school parking lot, we see the inevitable scheduling conflicts that brings. Other private sites to be considered are: Lucent (Osgood St.), Watts Regulator (Turnpike St.), Clean Harbors (off Sutton St.), Willows Office Park (Turnpike St.). The committee will determine a date for this event at a future meeting
- F) “One Person’s Trash” Fall ’05 edition will be published on October 4. The new questionnaire for the Winter ’06 edition will arrive by Oct. 7. Some possible topics to be included in the next edition are: “Middle Moment” publicity, the 1 year anniversary of the Waste Ban (no visible recyclables) enforcement, “All ages can recycle” article (K. Kline), website upgrade news, article on redeemables.
- G) Tina Klein was re-elected committee chair by unanimous vote.
- H) Copy of the NASWAC Mission Statement was sent to each committee member via email. The committee is tasked with reviewing and updating the Statement and our short term/long term goals. This was last done in 2002.
- I) Tina distributed a copy of the NASWAC member list and the “Friends of NASWAC. **Action:** Steve will update the information on this list.
- J) Tina distributed a Planning Calendar from Sept. ’05 through Oct. ’06 for committee business and events. This calendar will be updated monthly.

Next meeting: October 13, 2005 DPW Conference Room 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Daly, Vice Chair