

Meeting Minutes, NASWAC October 13, 2005

Meeting place: DPW Conference Room

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

Minutes recorded by Karen Kline

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

I. Sept. minutes read and accepted

II. Old Business:

1. Middle Moment update ~ Karen will be meeting with the team teachers next Thurs. (10/20) to discuss exactly how and when the art project will be done by the eighth~graders participating. [Karen will update the committee at the Nov. meeting](#) and will take photos of the progress as the art is designed and created. Karen reported, "On the 24th of this month, I will have the first meeting with 120 eighth-graders participating in the project. The artwork will have themes based on the Social Studies curriculum and connect with our town history. The title of the project: "North Andover, 1642 ~ 1863". Students will concentrate on the early days of our community.

The students are broken up into four groups and then into smaller teams within each group. We meet at 7:45am every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. The first lesson was to pick a topic and then begin to design each artwork to bring that topic into a visual dimension.

The choices of subjects are amazing ~ from the "Life of Indians in the 1600's" to "Boating On The Merrimack in the Early Days", "Weir Hill in the Early Days", " Childrens Games of the 1600's", North Andover Common at the Civil War, etc. History is coming to life for them as they also learn more about North Andover recycling & why we do this community effort for our environment.

This is a fun art/history/environmental class. I thank Sue Gaffny, the eighth-grade Social Studies teacher and Kristan Phelps, the middle school art teacher for their help and encouragement!" A letter explaining the project is being sent home to parents. ("This is a joint venture of the North Andover School Dept., NASWAC and American Community Think Tank.")

2. Push to publicize "Shred-Pro" event
 - i. Kathy Stevens sent notices to 4 papers and cable
 - ii. Joanne P. getting it into school newsletters.
 - iii. Discussed getting a banner or two for putting up around town to publicize the event (i.e. Kittredge School fence) if this is going to be an annual event. We should ask for this on next year's grant application.

3. Web site design work:
 - i. Deb Lynch has been unable to work on the website over the past month.
 - ii. **Action Item:** Tina will follow up with Bernadette and determine Deb's long-term commitment.
 - iii. Tina spent \$100 out of pocket, and now owns two copies of Microsoft Front Page
 - iv. "Frequently Asked Questions" page is a priority as it has been mentioned in OPT twice. Going forward we will have the web page in place before announcing it in OPT
 - v. **Action Item:** Steve to follow up with Ellie to see if she has copies of the posters that we can use.
4. HHW Day – discussed additional education for residents. For example, empty aerosol cans can be put in the trash. When the can still has something in it, the danger is from the propellant. **Action?**

Steve: Girl Scouts have no interest in recyclable can pickup. Boy Scouts have done this for two years now/will add one more collection for committee research to judge \$\$\$\$ amount collected.

Fall event? Nov. 5, 12 OR 17th?

Auto batteries (Haverhill Salvage takes them for \$1.00 each)

HHW Day advertized in Town Crossings

"Evil Spirits" flyer on Cable TV

Oct. 22nd Shred event (Sue Murley) Is our formula for advertizing working?

Committee Roster list ~ Is it OK?

New Business:

Mission ~ 1. Short term goals removed

2. Make Solid Waste Master Plan more concrete (add more H2O?)

Tina: "Our current recycle rate is "X" and by "Y" (date), North Andover will have an improvement % of "Z"."

Composting, etc. will help achieve this goal?

List LONG TERM GOALS on Mission Statement

Once a year program reported ANNUALLY for Town Warrant (or "Ent"?)

Untelevisable?

Town-wide yard sale (except on Chestnut Street near that "yard-sale vigilante"?!?)

everyone does SALE on one pre-chosen day . . . (in June?)

DARP "We are DARP-certified from DEP(this MAKES my day!). Changes will occur for new fiscal year beginning July 1st. We must reapply for the next cycle. New rules out, 1/06.

DARP = \$\$\$\$ Paper from ALL schools picked up by DPW. Incinerators have load inspections, both "comprehensive" and "on-going" (facility workers look for banned items in loads).

Both Hauler AND Generator load failure requirements becoming MORE STRINGENT.

public hearings?

First draft of OPT due 20th to Tina (OY! It is the 21st already!) on Middle Moment
One year anniversary of "Cardboard Enforcement"

"All Ages Recycle to Save Our Planet" (Photo of children/seniors at Senior Center?
Junk Mail research project with schoolchildren of one certain town school?)

Recycling/Composting: Sustainability, in a framework, sustainable steps

Positive EXAMPLES: Toxins from earth cannot build up/Human-made items cannot
build up/

Awareness of a GLOBAL FRAMEWORK impressed upon the public.

Website snapshot done for OPT

Redeemables out for now

Marketing our recyclables ~ Tina ~ "Paper is rising in value."

5~Minute Idling Law ~ ALL vehicles included . . . Cars today allow fuel saving by
TURNING OFF MOTOR if standing MORE THAN 60 SECONDS!" (Steve)

"We need to HAVE a budget to be able to be frugal!" (again, Steve!) goodonetee-hee. . .

ADJOURNED ~ 9:30pm