

TOWN OF KINGSTON, MA RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Minutes –January 3, 2023

Chairman Jean Landis Naumann called the in-person and online meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Attendees: Jean Landis Naumann, David O’Connell, Gene Wyatt (Zoom)

Also in attendance was Todd Koep, MAC from DEP; Everett Malaguti, Plymouth resident

The minutes of the December 6, 2022 meetings were approved (3-0).

Jean asked the members to review the current draft of the request for quotes (RFQ) for an organics collections pilot and respond with any comments by Friday January 6. Once finalized, the RFQ will be sent to the 3 vendors previously identified and to the town procurement officer for other dissemination. The timeline will be to publish by January 11 with a submission deadline of February 1. The submissions will be reviewed and award made at the February 7 meeting. Implementation date will depend on which company is chosen. There should be no cost incurred to advertise this request.

Jean reported that the Board of Health mailed a letter of notification of the plastic bag ban to all Kingston retailers in early December.. Jean will continue to work with the Health Agent on education of the public and other steps needed for a successful implementation. She has already requested an opportunity to discuss the bag ban on the Healthy Kingston program and will submit information for inclusion in the Town Administrator’s weekly update.

Jean reported she will now proceed with ordering additional reusable shopping bags. She will also contact the manager at Stop and Shop about reminder signage on the cart corrals in the parking lot.

With Todd’s assistance, the members reviewed the RDP grant requirements and past award categories to identify the items that can be completed this year and increase the award amount.

- Include recycling and trash guides in other languages on the town web site
- Have recycling information in other languages at the Recycling and Disposal Center
- Consider implementing a Pay-As-You-Throw system
- Consider opening a Swap Shop

It was also noted that if the number of users exceeded 5000 households, the town would earn \$1,100 per point as opposed to the current \$600 per point. Jean will ask Paul to consider a promotion campaign when the new rates are announced, comparing them to private hauler rates.

Jean will contact the Health Agent about the enforcement of the current hauler regulations before licenses are renewed in April.

Gene reported he is researching software that would allow Swap Shop volunteers to self-schedule. He will also put together a summary of rules and regulations for Swap Shops as well as volunteer training.

The next meeting will be in-person and on-line on February 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month whenever possible.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Landis Naumann