

Recycling Incentive Grant Committee Minutes  
September 24, 2014

Present: Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, , Lou Russo, Leslie O'Connor, Bob Gentile, Cathy Frank , Brenda Moriarty, Tom Gotowka, Janice Ehlemeyer; First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder

Absent: Jim Ward, J Ranelli, Gary Yuknat

Selectwoman Nosal convened the meeting at 4:34pm.

**Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2014; September 10, 2014**

Sam Fuchs has resigned from the committee. Members concurred that Paul Gleason has also resigned.

A motion was made by Bob Gentile, seconded by Lou Russo, to approve the minutes of August 8, 2014. Mary Jo Nosal asked that the minutes be corrected to list Paul Gleason and First Selectwoman Reemsnyder as absent from that meeting. Minutes were approved with that correction.

No motion was made to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014, because there was no quorum for that meeting and no business was transacted.

**UBP resolution and recommendations update**

Mary Jo Nosal has revisited the committee's recommendations with the Board of Selectmen and she reported that there is concurrence on the Board to appoint a standing/permanent Recycling Committee and request funding for recycling initiatives through the Board of Finance.

First Selectwoman Reemsnyder has advised the Board of Finance of a future request for funding, and she has asked the Recycling Grant Committee to develop a proposed budget.

Mary Jo has not heard back from Chris Nelson at the DEEP about our proposed Resolution. She will continue to press for a response.

**Sub Committee Updates**

- **FAQs** – Tom and Mary Jo will work together on completing the FAQs
- **Survey Summary** – Mary Jo distributed a draft. She, Leslie O'Connor and J Ranelli are on a sub-committee developing the summary, which will be submitted for the next Town newsletter. The deadline for the newsletter is early November.
- **Recommendation for Summer Trash Pick-up** – Members believe Gary Yuknat may be looking for a committee recommendation for summer trash/recycling pick up along the shoreline. Currently trash is picked up twice a week and recycling is picked up every other week. DSM consultants suggested switching

to a trash/recycling once weekly pick up. Brenda Moriarty suggested doing the pick-ups on the same day of the week. The issue is tabled until Gary is present.

### Other Business

- Tom Gotowka asked about a deadline for the committee. Committee members agreed that they want to continue working on recycling initiatives while awaiting a grant decision from the State DEEP. Mary Jo requested a **motion stating that while the Committee is waiting for confirmation from the State, it will move forward with initiatives already discussed; and reiterates its recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to appoint a standing Recycling Committee; for the Board of Selectmen to develop a charge for the standing committee; and for the Board of Finance to approve a budget for the committee. Motion was made by Janice, seconded by Lou, and passed unanimously.**
- Members discussed a budget needed for an educational outreach, including two informational mailers, stickers for trash/recycling containers, rack cards on recycling that can be given to service providers in town for their waiting rooms. The committee would also like to investigate adding a QR/barcode to stickers that would link to information on the Town website, and the possibility of free/amnesty days at the Transfer Station. The free days could be tied to a community fundraiser (eg Safe Graduation Party). **A motion was made by Lou, seconded by Janice Ehlemeyer, to request \$15,000 from the Board of Finance to support educational initiatives intended to steer the town toward the state goal of 60% recycling and the reduction of trash through the dissemination of information through such venues as mailings, public forums, and open days at the Transfer Station. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Janice will provide cost information on bumper stickers and rack cards through VistaPrint, which is used by RiverCog.
- Lou suggested providing recycling information at the annual meeting(s) of the beach associations in June. He also suggested that Friday would be the best pick up day for trash & recycling within the associations.
- Cathy confirmed that the Town's Permit for the Transfer Station would allow us to place a trash container there for convenience.

**Next meeting: October 29, 2014 4:30pm**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Cathy Frank  
9/25/14