

Sherborn Recycling Committee
Minutes of Tuesday, October 13th 2009 meeting

The 234th meeting of the Sherborn Recycling Committee was held at the Sherborn Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th of October at 7:30 PM.

Present were Carol Rubenstein (chair), Wendy Mechaber, Ron Buckler, Jack Mulhall, and Ardys Flavelle.

Not present were Andrea Brennan, Jennifer Stoner, Jane Pusch, and Susan Peirce.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Thank yous:

Andrea for doing the September minutes

Andrea for her continuing work on the welcome bin program, even while on vacation!

Andrea, Ardys, Amy Moore, & Roxanne Buckler for their help keeping the Swap Shop organized

Jack M. if he had the time to add the new delta values to our table at the end of our minutes
Jane Pusch for her continuing efforts with the Natick Collection Recycling Initiative - things unfortunately are at a standstill because our contact person who was so good has left and the general manager is too busy to really listen to us. We are hoping to continue without the Technical Assistance of the DEP person whose funding was denied us this year, but that just makes it more difficult for us. Carol suggested that it would make sense for the Town of Natick to establish a strict business recycling regulation with enforcement and penalties, but the Committee's consensus was it would be presumptuous for us to suggest it when Sherborn doesn't have such a policy itself.

Dianne Veitch for her continuing work on the website

Announcements, old and new business:

- Carol will call the DS Press to inquire as to why our press blurb about the pharmaceutical recycling at Eaton, Wellesley, did not get in, though it was submitted on time.
- A vote was taken to fund Carol's visit to the GRRN conference next week. The cost is \$190 – a discounted price because E.L. Harvey is paying the difference.
- Carol cannot attend the EPP Fair on Tuesday the 27th. So far, no-one else has volunteered to go.
- There are 5 clear bins. 1 is on loan via Nancy Torrigian for football games. We do not know where this bin is being used. Ardys will ask Becky if Dover can supply a clear bin and we can supply one. Otherwise we will loan 2 barrels to Lindquist on an ongoing basis.
- Ardys will check with the teachers at DSHS to see how the recycling is going. If they are experiencing problems or are not recycling, we will talk at the next meeting about how to approach Dover and Ralph Kelley.
- Andrea may have stickers that would go onto to stackable recycling bins. We will ask her. We will not proceed in any way with the stackable recycling bins until we have looked into whether or not they are made from post consumer materials, etc. We will also bring in their exact cost. They may or not be available from Otto – we will look into this as well.
- Carol has learned that the Sherborn Social Club is using a set of china instead of plastic or paper plates.
- Ron is getting estimates for insulation for the yellow metal building at the Transfer Station. He is also concerned that the new Highway building is not big enough to house everything it will need to.
- Jane has signed the harassment form – Jennifer still needs to do so.

- Christine DeRosa of Integrated Paper is not returning calls. Carol believes that this may be because of the contract issue that she brought up to us months ago. We will continue to try and reach her.
- No news on the trash compactor. Ron will look into it.
- Carol is excited to see the number on the Website counter going up!
- Nothing new on the commodity prices this month.
- Roxy will find the info for the new phone at the transfer station, and Ron will call Ardys to record the new message.
- Ardys will look into what to do at PHS for America Recycles Day. Maybe something around the Al Gore October 24th day.
- Ardys will also ask Nick at DSHS if he wants to utilize the skis at the swap shop for Adirondack chairs. She mentioned this to the Arts Dept. Head already, but will ask Nick (shop teacher).
- Ron says people are leaving tvs and dehumidifiers without paying the fees. They leave them in the trailers next to the swap shop. There seems to be nothing to do about this.
- Swap Shop will close on November 1st.

Next meeting will be November 10th at 7:30.

Tonnage Report:

FY2010	MSW	Paper	Commingled	Other	Diverted	Recycling Rate
July - 09'	144.86	49.07	13.90	24.88	87.85	37.75
Aug - 09'	146.43	44.90	17.59	12.81	75.30	33.96
Sept - 09'	130.88	48.95	13.97	4.46	67.38	33.99
TOTAL	422.17	142.92	45.46	42.16	230.54	105.70
FISCAL YEAR 2010 Average	140.7	47.6	15.2	14.1	76.8	35.2
delta vs 09'	4.3	1.8	-1.1	4.6	5.2	0.7
delta %	3.2	3.9	-7.0	48.3	7.3	2.2
Fiscal 2009 Avg.	136.4	45.9	16.3	9.5	71.6	34.5
Fiscal 2008 Avg.	145.2	50.6	17.4	10.4	69.8	32.4
Fiscal 2007 Avg.	152.1	53.3	16.3	9.6	79.2	34.3
Fiscal 2006 Avg.	159.1	52.1	15.8	10.6	67.8	29.90
Fiscal 2005 Avg.	160.7	55.2	15.5	5.5	70.8	30.6
Fiscal 2004 Avg.	161.0	54.6	15.0	11.9	69.6	30.2
Fiscal 2003 Avg.	155.5	50.5	13.6	1.2	64.1	29.2

Respectfully submitted,

Ardys A. Flavelle, Secretary for October 2009