

Sherborn Recycling Committee
December 8, 2009

The 236th meeting of the Sherborn Recycling Committee was held at the Sherborn Town Hall on Tuesday the 8th of December at 7:00 PM.

Present Carol Rubenstein (chair), Wendy Mechaber, Ron Buckler, Andrea Brennan and guests George Pucci and Ed Mcguire.

Not present were Ardys Flavelle, Jennifer Stoner, Jane Pusch, Susan Peirce, Peggy Weber and Jack Mulhall

I. Minutes of the November Meeting were approved.

Thank you:

Wendy for doing the November minutes
Andrea for her continuing work on the welcome bin program.
Amy Moore, Roxanne Buckler and Andrea for closing up Swap Shop.
Jane Pusch for her continuing efforts with the Natick Collection Recycling
Dianne Veitch for her continuing work on the website

II. Announcements, Old and New Business

- A. Discussion on zero waste at Pinehill School with George Pucci and Ed Mcguire. George said that he had talked to Highway Superintendent and got favorable feedback and support to start project moving forward. We would need to find site for composting on Town land. Wendy mentioned that her school does a similar project and it appears to be working well.
- B. Talk on Community Center was tabled to next meeting.
- C. Talk on changing mission statement was also tabled to next meeting
- D. Discussion on finding someone to pick up garbage (food waste) at residents' homes in order to lighten trash tonnage going to incinerator. If Pine Hill starts a food waste program and it is brought to the site, maybe residents' food waste could be brought to site too. There was mention of Cassidy in Medway picking up food waste from 800 customers in Dover.
- E. Carol found out that Electronic Recyclers is offering a better deal to some towns and has arranged for Sherborn to get this deal too. Recycling Center personnel will no longer have to charge for four specific brands.
- F. Discussion on clear barrels that were donated to Lindquist Commons by Recycling Committee. It was thought that they might be too flimsy and hard to clean for the purpose they are used for.
- G. Stackable bins were brought up again but price seems too high in the budget crunch this year.
- H. Carol said she had talked to Christine Derosa from Integrated Paper and Christine promised her that this year during holidays would be better than in the past. There has been no news regarding negotiations between Town Counsel and Integrated Paper on proposal they start charging \$40/ton for commingled.
- I. Carol told the committee that she accepted \$150 scholarship from E.L. Harvey to attend the GRRN conference. After attending the seminar given by the Town Clerk on Ethics Law for Public Servants she thought she might have been in violation for accepting the scholarship. Carol filed a disclosure form with the BOS and Town Clerk.
- J. The website counter is at 1115, last month it was at 1062. The town is about to revise its website which means ours will be revised as well.
- K. We decided to remove compost bins from this year's budget.
- L. As of January 1st, 2010 a new company will be collecting fluorescent light tubes.

Next meeting will be January 12, 2010 at 7:00pm.

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
Oct. - 09'	146.70	37.31	17.26	13.06	67.63	31.55
Nov. - 09'	154.10	47.81	14.31	4.94	67.06	30.32
TOTAL	722.97	228.04	77.03	60.15	365.22	167.57
FISCAL YEAR 2010 Average	144.6	45.6	15.4	12.0	73.0	33.5
delta vs 09'	8.2	-0.3	-0.9	2.6	1.4	-1.0
delta %	6.0	-0.5	-5.4	26.9	2.0	-2.8
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,

Ronald J. Buckler, secretary for December 2009