

Town of Yarmouth

Per M.G.L.: All town and school boards, committees, commissions, and authorities shall post a notice of every meeting at least 48 hours prior to such meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Notice shall contain a listing of topics/agenda that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting.

Notice of Meetings

Name of committee, board, etc:	Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Date of Meeting:	May 14, 2019
Time:	9:00 am
Place:	Town Hall Meeting Room A

Agenda (Topics to be discussed):

1. Introduction of Members and Guests
2. Approval of minutes--April 9, 2019
3. Review of plastic water bottle bans
4. Update on polystyrene ban--date to meet with School Committee
5. Increased costs of recycling
6. Glass recycling progress
7. Committee vacancies
8. Register topic for June
9. Old/New business
10. Adjournment

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Minutes of Meeting – April 9, 2019
Town Hall Room A: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Charlie Spooner. Also in attendance: Roby Whitehouse and Laura Hayden.

Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved. Carol made the motion and Jill 2nd the motion, all approved.

Clean up day:

Yarmouth annual clean-up day is Saturday April 13, 2019. Notices are at Libraries, Chamber of Commerce, Police Department, Rotary and other locations. The Yarmouth Police Relief Association has donated reusable water bottles for the event with their logo on them. A check list was suggested to determine the source of litter. We should direct our focus there. There is an anti-litter coalition on Cape Cod and their main focus is litter and where it comes from. The National Parks message is “carry in carry out”, the anti-litter coalition would like to adopt this message for all Cape beaches. Ideas to reduce litter; Businesses could have some kind of message that states “we appreciate your business, please dispose of your trash responsibly”. There is currently no enforcement for littering or not recycling. We pay \$78 a ton for trash and between \$150 and \$80 per ton for commingle our recycling stream. There are some items that were recyclable last year that are not recyclable this year. We will continue to educate the public about recycling. When we decrease recyclables it increases tonnage in trash.

Membership:

There are two people in the que to join RASWAC. They are scheduling interviews with a member of the Board of Selectman.

Plastic Bottle Ban:

Recap from last meeting. RASWAC has written a letter to the Board of Selectman. A copy of that letter is attached to these minutes. This committee would like to see the Petitioners, Sustainable Practices come up with solutions to our concerns. How will this effect town events, kids programs, concessions? How will the water filling stations be funded and maintained? Where will the water stations be? Will they be indoor/outdoor, a combination? We agree with the intention but would like to see how Sustainable Practices will help. Sustainable Practices has a spot at Town Meeting for this petition.

Waste Management Update:

Roby has spoken to the schools and they are planning on having a group of students bag up recyclables and bring them to the disposal area in a school vehicle. Roby has reached out to school officials to encourage kids to recycle. There is recycle art project happening now. Roby would like to display some of the projects at the disposal area. We don't know how bid the art projects will be. We