

Minutes of RASWAC Meeting – May 10, 2022

Zoom: 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs Carol Ewing and Jill Talladay

Other Members Present: Abbi Santos, Mike Smith, and Paul Kipetz

Also in Attendance: Roby Whitehouse, Dolores Boogdanian, and Kiersten Thomas

Call to order: 8:35 am

Approval of Minutes:

Some edits were requested to be made to the April 12th meeting minutes. Kiersten or Sarah will make the requested changes. Motion by Jill to approve minutes as amended from April 12th. Abbi seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Jill and Carol will be stepping down as co-chairs. Mary currently has a conflict with the current meeting times on Tuesday. We may need to move the meetings to Wednesdays otherwise she will have to step down from the committee. Checked with other members to make sure Wednesdays would not conflict elsewhere. Changing meetings to second Wednesday of the month starting June 8, 2022.

Finance Committee input on Polystyrene Bylaw: Carol and Jill went to town meeting. The by-law was passed!

Recycling Rules! Website: Some things need to be tweaked. It has not yet been connected to the Town website. Sanitation Foreman and Roby would like to go over it before it goes live as some things aren't true for the Town of Yarmouth. Carol has been working hard to get it just right. Tom has a link to his store on the website. Roby would like it to be clarified that his business is a non-profit. She would also like the disposal dictionary updated (a link to Recyclepedia Carol thinks would be good) and a link to Mass Recycling website. Roby would like better clarification on the plastics that are accepted by the Town of Yarmouth Disposal area. Dolores brought up potentially changing the link name from "Our Store" so that it isn't confused as being the Town's. So far they have only done the yeses on the website, but none of the no's Carol said.

Clean-Up Day: No counts on the town cleanup unfortunately. Roby filmed a Recycling dos and don'ts with Cape Media. Jill felt that there were fewer people this year than previous years. Roby said that many people who signed up didn't report to Town Hall, but rather went right to the location that they signed up for. Dolores pointed out that there may have been less people because it was school vacation week.

RDP (recycling dividend program): This needs to be file annually with the DEP so that Yarmouth gets funding. We are looking to get construction and demolition funded, though we need to look to see if it needs to be separated out according to source. Community repair events done at the Senior Center twice a year. Organics – we began accepting organic material last July. We may lose points for not having composting buckets, but we may be able to get that lined up for next year.

Old/New Business: We are looking to do more community outreach. Maybe more promotional like the videos or events to bring more education about recycling to the community. Kyle Penicini was helpful with reminding people to make sure that trash was put in bags before disposing, especially with the recent high winds. Hazardous Waste collection on July 16, 2022 at the Yarmouth Senior Center!

Call to adjourn: 9:14am – Jill motioned. Carol seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting date: June 8, 2022 – Zoom