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RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – May 12, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom – 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Abbi Santos, Mary Vilbon, Michael Smith, and Charlie Spooner. Also in attendance: Roby Whitehouse, Jocelyn Raneo, Sandy Cashen, Kari Parcell, and Jeff Colby

Approval of Minutes: Michael Smith motion to approve 2nd by Charlie Spooner. All approved.

Grants: Roby shared link for SMRP grant that is available. Will resend. The school is looking into it. Sandy has not been able to meet with the superintendents yet due to scheduling conflicts. The deadline is June 10th.

Paint Program: Kari – Section 8 SMRP to hold latex only paint collection events. August 1st in tandem with Dennis Hazardous Waste Collection (Latex collection), Yarmouth and other towns have opted in. Being advertised in local papers and however towns decide to promote. TBD due to Covid-19.

Meeting with Students: They sponsored a recycling bin contest and developed a game that plays during homeroom to educate students about recycling. Carol would like to do more with the schools. The students that participated are seniors and not sure what that will mean for next year.

Disposal Area Update: Challenges because of the yellow ropes for social distancing. Residents are thinking that the areas are closed. All recycling streams except for magazines are up and running. Magazines go directly into the bin. People are leaving things on the ground causing issues. New scale operator has started and the scale is open Monday – Friday and possibly starting next week may open 7 days. There is information on the website to update residents. Possible to get a link on main page? Roby will look into that. Cardboard compactor opening has been reduced to promote breaking down cardboard and making sure there is nothing inside the boxes (plastic, trash, etc.) Plastic bags are coming back. The Committee would like to see it all paper. Jill suggested using the cart and bagging in the parking lot with your reusable bags.

Old/New Business: Carol would like the Committee to work with Sandy and the schools to promote/educate recycling. Possible PSA with students on community channel. Jill suggested a student liaison on committee. Possible internship at disposal area/intern program at DY. Follow up about internship idea at next meeting. It would help to educate students about recycling. Roby will get information about the approval process to make this happen.

Adjournment: 9:28am

Next meeting dates: Next meeting date June 9, 2020 via Zoom 8:30am

