



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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### RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – August 11, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom – 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Abbi Santos, Mike Smith and Charlie Spooner. Also in attendance: Kari Parcell, Selectman Mark Forest, Roby Whitehouse, Tara Monroe and Jocelyn Raneo.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve by Abbi Santos, second Mike Smith. All approve.

**Polystyrene Ban:** Draft memo for BOS. Jill suggested to add Woods Hole Sea Grant along with the Wellfleet Recycling Committee. Still need to speak with Mary. Motion to approve memo pending input from Mary made by Mike, second by Abbi, all approve. Still waiting for the survey results so the memo will probably not go out until September.

**Discussion with Mark Forest:** Town Administrator will present what the Fall Town Meeting will look like. There is still no date for the meeting and Capital items need to be finalized. Mark feels it would be good to move forward with the memo to the BOS about the proposed Polystyrene Bylaw. Because of the recycling markets it has become difficult for people to recycle which is why it is important for people to stop using certain products and find alternatives. Promoting recycling along with education is extremely important. Roby mentioned that more people are recycling newspapers but are struggling with what plastics that can and cannot be recycled causing many loads to be contaminated. The County has been very active in the hazardous waste collections and it has been helpful. The Committee would like to add a student member. Mark thinks that it is a great idea to use one of the slots for a student to join the Committee. Charlie brought up a Committee name change because the Committee is moving towards source reduction but Mark does not see this necessary. The title of the Committee with not interfere with suggestions that the Committee has. Jeff Colby and Ed Sentio are working on the Anaerobic Digester project. One known challenge is having enough feed stock. Mark spoke on how he would like to see the Town develop a system for getting more information to the residents.

**Old/New Business:** Charlie would like to discuss topics that might be useful to focus on as a part of a communication initiative in a future meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Charlie, second by Jill all approve

**Next meeting dates:** September 8, 2020

