

Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes: 6-26-2008

Present: Greg Walsh, Jen Hansen, Mike Pulsifer, Pat Anderson, Rachel Stamieszkin,
and Lauren Hadiaris, presenter

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Lauren Hadiaris, a senior at Waynflete, presented the findings of her research project concerning the carbon impact of curbside pickup vs Cape's Recycling Center model. Lauren's conclusion: Cape's model contributes 1.43 million pounds of carbon per year as opposed to a curbside pickup model, which she concludes contributes only 124 thousand pounds of carbon per year.
- 3) We approved the May 2008 minutes.
- 4) We reviewed May's numbers - up 6% from a year ago, flat from last month. Mike and Pat noted that the overall tonnage into the hopper has consistently remained below the 300 ton mark for many months.
- 5) Pat distributed the latest design for the sign. It is beautiful and she will move forward with it.
- 6) We discussed the library recycling bin and its signage. Pat will talk with Bob about installing the 2nd red bin for trash. It is so much easier to use the red bin than the trash bin that we think this may be one of the reasons people are putting trash into the recycling bin. The original intent was to install a matching set. If we do so, it will be as easy to dispose of trash properly as it is to put it into the recycling bin. We also discussed improving the signage. Homework for everyone is to go look at the library bins and come up with ideas for how to better label them to encourage compliance.
- 7) Greg is working with Joyce at the library to put together the recycling display.
- 8) Jen has done a great job putting the recycling percentages up on the CETV.
- 9) Composters: Mike did a lot of research on these and has come up with recommendations for plans to build your own from U of Wisconsin and one that you can purchase from Gaiam.com. We discussed whether or not we would do an advance purchase of composters to make available through the town but decided rather to refer people to the web resources to order or make their own. Jen to add to the web-site.
- 10) DVD's for CETV: Rachel to view and send synopsis to committee to see if anyone else wants to pre-view them. Recommendation forthcoming at next meeting.
- 11) Stipend for school recycling coaches: Mike Pulsifer to meet with school officials to talk about ways to help the schools get on board. Mike McGovern indicated that our funds would not be sufficient to support stipends. In addition, the stipends need to go through a school review and is included in the school budget. Mike Pulsifer to let us know when the school meeting is.
- 12) Greg suggested that we post volunteers from our committee at the recycling center to help encourage people to recycle more. Hence the idea of "Recycling Days" was established. It is an idea to have volunteers at the Recycling Center for a few consecutive Saturdays to help answer questions, give out materials about recycling and composting and help people get more information about why recycling is important. Please bring your ideas of what this might look like and when you think we should do it.
- 13) Misc:
 - a. Citizen contact: swap shop volunteer - put her in touch with Pat
 - b. Citizen contact: composters - direct to new web resources

- c. New Part Time Recycling Center Attendant: Mary Page
 - d. E-mails not getting to Jen Hansen - please check your distribution list and make sure jachansen@juno.com is on it.
 - e. Next meeting will be held on August 21 at 7 PM at the Public Works building
- 14) We adjourned at 8:25 PM.