

A meeting of the Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste committee convened on Monday, August 11, 2008 at approximately 7 PM.

Attending committee members: Gary Bernhard, Meryl Mandell, Christy Vlach, Steve Rice, Roger Cartwright, Gail Fleischaker, Paul Vlach, Nancy Dihlmann, Karen Czerwonka and Ron Essig

Visitor: Officer Mike Gelinis

Agenda Items:

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting, 6/23/08. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bulky Waste Day:

- Roger will send out a report showing the results from BWD and we will discuss next time.
- Officer Gelinis suggested adding signs and cones to help control traffic during BWD. Cones could be added to move cars over closer to the side as they line up to bring in their trash. Signs that could be added include "Watch for Pedestrians", "BWD Right Lane Only", and "One Lane Traffic". We will probably need 2 officers to direct traffic at least during the first 2 hours. He also suggested that we could get lowboy trash haulers to make it easier and faster to load with trash. The lower height would enable the backhoe to compact the trash better. It would also be easier on the helpers as they unload the trash.

Announcements:

- Celebrate Shutesbury (September 20): Roger will set up a table with information and recycle containers. He will also check with MRF to see if there are any recycling games.
- Farmers Market: Roger has been attending with recycling bins.
- September 23 All Boards Meeting: Roger will attend.
- September "Our Town" Newsletter: Roger to prepare a summary.

Revising and Reprinting the Almanac:

- Gail agreed to take the input on the almanac revisions and put it together in a revised edition for everyone to review and approve.
 - New color for cover
 - Redo and simplify the first page
 - Add dedication page for Gary Dihlmann. Use picture of Gary on backhoe.
 - Numerous others provided in emails to Gail
- We agreed to do a printed version with at least 400 copies. Roger to check with David Dann to see if we need multiple bids from printers.
- We will also post the new addition to the website.
- We will need to have ready by BWD (October 4).

Cost per Household:

- The committee received a report from David Dann on the current cost showing a figure of \$76.45 per household which is lower than the estimated \$100/household.

Gary will ask David to breakout the report to include items such as the coordinator stipend, committee budget, and the return to Shutesbury from MRF for recycled materials.

Transition of TV Analog Signal to Digital:

- There is a prediction that we will see a big jump in TV disposal after the conversion occurs February 9, 2009. Disposal will occur starting with Fall '09 BWD. We need to prepare for the increase load in our electronics disposal.
- Roger is getting a list of electronic disposal vendors from Arlene. We will need to find out how much they charge and if we need to charge more for electronics. If so, they a meeting will be needed to approve the higher charge.

Next Meeting:

We agreed the next meeting would be September 8, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.