

Recycling and Solid Waste Committee
Minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting

Present: Steve Rice, Ron Essig, Meryl Mandell (Chair), Nancy Dihlmann, Karen Czerwonka, Gary Bernhard (Notetaker)

Guests: Susie Mosher, Sally Fairfield

1. Minutes of the previous 10/30/13 meeting were approved.
2. June Bulky Waste Day review: We came out ahead \$500. Our goal, as ever, is to break even and we came very close.
3. Household Hazardous Waste day in Amherst. Liz Lacy has volunteered to represent the Town on 9/28/14. A volunteer from Shutesbury on HHW day in Amherst saves the Town \$200.
4. October BWD preparation.
 - a. Liz has volunteered to keep records in October, since Gail will be recuperating from surgery.
 - b. We will have to charge \$20 for CRT TVs and \$10 for CRT computer monitors this year. All other electronics are free.
 - c. Gary will put out a call for volunteers on the Town listserve and on Nextdoor Shutesbury.
 - d. Meryl noted that Saturday October 4th is Yom Kippur. If people call about dropping off trash earlier we can arrange for them to put it in the Highway Dept. salt shed the Friday before BWD.
5. Illegal Dumping. No complaints yet. When Gary gets complaints he will contact the Chief of Police.
6. Community Roadside Pick-Up. Susie Mosher and Sally Fairfield talked with the committee about a community roadside pick-up day in the spring. Shutesbury is receiving \$1200 from the Department of Environmental Protection that we could use to fund the event. We'd like to get our hauler, Republic, involved and perhaps have a town-wide picnic on the common afterward. Neighborhood groups need to be organized, and we have to figure out a good way to distribute trash bags that day. Residents with trucks can pick up full trash bags and bring them to the Town Common. Tentative date is April 11th. Question: Do we need to worry about liability?
7. Trash Bag Distribution. Leslie Bracebridge, the Town Clerk, joined us for this discussion. Many people have picked up their bags at Town Hall well after the official distribution dates, which interferes with Leslie's and Becky's regular work. In an effort to urge people to pick up their bags during the official distribution period we will
 - a. Distribute bags for two full months (May and June) and add more two-hour distribution sessions during that period.
 - b. No bags will be available at Town Hall during the official distribution period.

- c. People who pick up bags at Town Hall after July 1 will receive 40 bags instead of 50 bags.
 - d. Gary will distribute notices to the town listserve and Nextdoor Shutesbury describing the change and urging people to collect their bags during May and June.
 - e. Bags to businesses. Gail will check the bag distribution list to see which businesses get extra bags.
8. Pellet Bag Shed. We discussed the possibility of setting up a pellet bag recycling program in Shutesbury. Jan Deneen from Franklin County Waste Management has received a grant to set these up. Gary has subsequently learned that Shutesbury isn't eligible for this program because the Town has curbside pick-up rather than a transfer station.