

## Meeting Notes – Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee- 12/16/15

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Attendees: Meryl Ann Mandell – Chair, Gary Bernhard- Recycling Coordinator, Ron Essig, Gail Fleischaker, Liz Lacy, Peg Ross, Karen Czerwonka. Absent: Nancy Dihlmann, Steve Rice. Guest: Orson Jones

- 1) Voted Orson Jones in as new RSWC member pending Selectboard approval.
- 2) Approved March 31, 2015 minutes as written.
- 3) Bulky Waste Day report (10/15/15) – no complete numbers due to Town Hall system being down. \$1867 was total net – still need to factor in costs, credits. Free electronics was \$22, free Styrofoam was \$8. Sat. Styrofoam collections in Amherst. There was a question about what happens to photovoltaic panels – not sure yet. Discussed ‘take it or leave it’ area and should it return to BWD? Need dedicated person to lead and monitor. Possibly Patty Vinsky? Decided to try it one last time.
- 4) Winter Trash Pick Up – There was a delay in the letter going out to residents down the gravel portion of Wendell Rd and Laurel Drs. area. Torres changed the start date to Dec. 16. Torres needs to send letter clarifying that the pick up is at the turn around at Ames Haven for lower Wendell Rd. residents.
- 5) Options for using grant – There is \$2,400 available in grant for committee to use. Suggestions – more bags, signs, magnetic signs for BWD. Possibly fix floor of shed at school. Meryl to check with SES.
- 6) Illegal Trash/Dumping By-Law- Is it working? Police are supposed to send letter to violators when notified of violation. There needs to be better follow up. Will have meeting with police, Torres, to reiterate policies. Meryl will email police chief to follow up re West Pelham Rd violation.
- 7) Other- Should we be doing anything else regarding outreach? Committee applauds Gary’s efforts. Suggested a composting workshop. Possibly get Ann McGovern in early spring? Gary to check with Arlene (?). Suggested another shredding day – but likely we don’t have enough volume to merit it. Gary to follow up see if it can co-occur with BWD.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Lacy