

## Meeting Notes – Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee- 12/20/17

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Attendees: Meryl Ann Mandell – Chair, Gary Bernhard - Recycling Coordinator, Gail Fleischaker, Karen Czerwonka, Sue Quigley, Liz Lacy - Guest: Veronique Blanchard, DEP

Absent: Ron Essig, Orson Jones, Steve Rice, Peg Ross

- 1) Called to order at 7:05 pm.
- 2) Introductions – Veronique present to discuss DEP rewards program. We discussed a summary of Shutesbury’s program: town trash bags, bulky waste days, Leverett transfer station (bulky and take it or leave it), trash and recycling pick up, hazardous waste day in Amherst, mercury bearing waste shed. 151 (15% of our households) Leverett transfer station stickers purchased – which puts us in the black.
- 3) Approved February 21, 2017 minutes as written.
- 4) DEP Rewards program – (dividends program) summarized by Veronique. A points based system. We usually have (4 points for pay as you throw bags (payt), subsidized compost bins provide one more point, bulky items days 2 more points, outreach and education efforts one point), but would like to increase to more than 8 points this year to qualify for grants. Discussed possibility of a “center for hard to recycle materials – charm” jointly with Leverett.  
Discussed textile recovery, enforcement written into Alternative Recycling Systems contract, pass town hauler Regs – could earn us more points.  
Veronique said reuse will be big focus for DEP. Discussed renewing take it or leave it, next door Shutesbury postings, free at curb before BWD.
- 5) October 2017 Bulky Waste Day report – Gail reported metals circuitous arrangement getting paid. Invoices come in at different times – or not at all. Need to get process in place...discuss with Police chief and highway department. Slow this year – not as many households. Possibly Leverett transfer station and proximity to holiday. \*Proposing just one BWD to Selectboard. Karen made the motion, Sue seconded, vote all in favor to make change to one BWD in June.
- 6) Leverett stickers – 20 dollars above – we are in the black.
- 7) Alternative Recycling Systems – performance and Regional contract – all good. Need to talk to Becky Torres about Wendell Rd/other remote roads drop off during winter.
- 8) Education – how to increase 30% recycling rate to 50%? Discussed ideas...increase reuse, talk to principal about more education at elementary school, recycling IQ kit, other kits or games. Possible library program, possible green team? See link at DEP.
- 9) Discussed any ideas for position changes within the RSWC – no changes made.
- 10) Plan to spend funds on compost buckets, trash bags, tote bags, bins.
- 11) Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Lacy