

Meeting Notes - Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee - 4/18/18

Attendees: Meryl Ann Mandell - Chair, Gary Bernhard - Recycling Coordinator, Gail Fleischaker, Sue Quigley, Ron Essig, Steve Rice, Peg Ross

Absent: Karen Czerwonka

- 1) Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of minutes as amended.
- 3) Trash Bag Distribution Schedule: The account of purchases of the Leverett Transfer Station Stickers will be kept separate from the trash bag distribution book. Gary will provide a separate sheet for name and address of those who purchase the LTS stickers. Also, the committee decided to have more members present on Town Meeting Day for trash bag distribution and sale of LTS stickers. One person will suffice on June 9 at the Lake Wyola Association building.
- 4) Leverett Transfer Station stickers: The arrangement for the use of the Leverett Transfer Station is going well. Because of this, Shutesbury will provide only one Bulky Waste Day this year, as opposed to two as in years previous. Discussion ensued in regards to mid-year pricing policy for LTS stickers. (Stickers are \$20 for the entire year.) The committee voted the following recommendation to the Select Board: As of the date of Town Meeting, stickers for the Leverett Transfer Station will be sold for \$10 and will be good until June 30 of the current fiscal year.
- 5) June Bulky Waste Day and any new info from October BWD: We will not be able to collect bulky plastic items this year, but will continue to collect electronics and clean, white styrofoam. Tom Clark will bring his truck to collect tires and batteries. Gary will not be available to put up reminder signs around town for Bulky Waste; Meryl and Ron volunteered to do this.
- 6) Alternative Recycling Performance and Regional Contracts: Alternative Recycling has been doing a good job so far. Management has changed hands but there will be no change in our contract.
- 7) Grant Status: Last year we received \$2100 from the Recycling Dividends Program (6 points needed to qualify.) This year 8 points are required to qualify. Adoption of "Hauler Regs" would add the 2 points needed. Therefore, the committee voted to go forward with the adoption of Hauler Regulations, adopting wording as originally drafted by the town of South Hadley, MA. The Shutesbury Board of Health approved the Hauler Regulations the same evening; they will be forwarded by Gary to Alternative Recycling for acceptance/approval.
- 8) Committee changes: Nancy Dihlmann and Orsen Jones have resigned from RSWC. Meryl will talk with Karen Czerwonka and Liz Lacy to see if they will continue to be members. All present at this meeting (see above) expressed interest to remain on the committee.
- 9) Other:
Meryl will give a brief report at Town Meeting and will highlight the following: success of use of the Leverett Transfer Station; Shutesbury will hold one Bulky Waste Day this year (spring); new trash hauler Alternative Recycling; Shutesbury's recycling as a percentage of total waste stream for 2016-2017 was highest ever, saving the town \$12,000 to \$13,000; Shutesbury's Recycling Almanac has been updated.

Winter pick-up schedule for top-of-the-road pick-up: The committee voted to make a recommendation that the town administrator, in communication with the town hauler, announce in "Next-door" and Town Announce" a start and end date for winter top-of-the-road pick-up.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Peg Ross