

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Rubbish and Recycling Committee held Monday, August 26, 2013 at 6:34 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, 144 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Carlozzi, Andrea Hall, Christine Mulligan and Robin Volpini

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Town Council Liaison John Pacheco

MEMBERS ABSENT: Colleen Joubert was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. VOTED to postpone the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 24, 2013 until the next meeting.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Cynthia Carlozzi. The vote was unanimous.

2. Discussion of recycling/solid waste statistics

Andrea Hall reported that results are still good and getting better.

3. Discussion/action relative to recycling events:

Green Festival - September 14

This event will be similar to the Family Fair, but smaller with green-related games and a food truck.

Celebrate Burrillville Day – October 5

This will be an improved version of last year's event, combined with a

harvest festival. There will be more advertising this year.

Andrea Hall stated that she is looking for volunteers to work tables at these two events. Cindy Carlozzi offered to work the Green Festival and Robyn Volpini will do Celebrate Burrillville Day.

4. Discussion/action relative to Swap Shed

Andrea Hall reported that construction of the swap shed has been put on hold until the fall due to other priorities. Items allowed at the swap shed will be limited to what can be disposed of at the Compost Facility for the time being. A guard shed for staff will also be erected near the swap shed.

5. Discussion/action relative to Green Team

Formation of a Green Team has also been put on hold for now. Andrea has several people who have signed up and will have sign-up sheets at the Green Festival and Celebrate Burrillville Day. Volunteers will be needed to lead teams on Saturdays. In the meantime, people who need community service hours have been doing neighborhood cleanups.

6. Discussion of legislation efforts regarding recycling of paint

This is slated to begin in 2014; no updates.

7. Discussion of SMART textile recycling

The bin has been delivered to the Compost Facility. There are also bins at the Harrisville Fire District and the Nasonville Fire Station. The program is a collaboration between Goodwill and SMART. Residents can donate clothing, shoes and textiles in any condition. Donated materials are sorted and 95% is reused. Wearable clothing and shoes are shipped to developing countries. Unwearable textiles are used for wiping cloths, insulation, carpet padding, etc. Information about this program will be made available to residents at the upcoming events.

8. Discussion of direction/goals of Committee and whether there is a need to continue

There was discussion of the original purpose of the Committee – to help the town achieve 35% recycle rate goal and find ways to decrease the cost of waste hauling and tipping fees. There was also discussion of: relevance of the committee now that our goals have been met; a lack of upcoming initiatives; and concern over lack of Committee member participation, particularly at events.

VOTED to table until all members are present.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Cynthia Carlozzi. The

vote was unanimous.

9. Review and discuss items proposed for future meetings

RIRRC Profit Share

Feasibility of utilizing interns for research, grant writing, etc.

10. VOTED to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Christine Mulligan. Seconded by Andrea Hall. The vote was unanimous.

Christine Mulligan, Secretary

Minutes Approved Date:_____