Barrington Natural Resources & Cultural Heritage Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Barrington Elementary School Annex - Board Room 105 Ramsdell Lane Barrington, NH

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairperson Sam Boduch called the meeting to order at 6:35. In attendance were: Sam Boduch, Marika Wilde, Cilia Bannenberg, Pat Lenzi, Amy Antonucci, Robert Anderson, and Doug Bogen.

- 2. Review and approval of the June 25th minutes
 Amy made a motion to accept the June 25th minutes as amended. Robert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- 3. Amy has been in contact with Rian Bedard of Mr. Fox Composting, and she shared with the group the information she had gathered. Rian's composting business is centered in Eliot, Maine. Mr. Bedard stated that if approximately 50-100 people sign up for a pilot project he could run the program for the town, and this would consist of hauling the raw material off site for composting. Rian indicated that his rate is lower than the charge for hauling solid waste. There was a question about the possibility of participants/townspeople being able to get finished compost. Also a question was asked about what might be allowed as part of the waste. Discussion followed about how to get the town on board with this project and how the BNRCH Committee might communicate the information with townspeople. It was decided that it would be helpful to have Rian come to a BNRCH meeting to further explain the program, and Amy offered to contact him to set this up. Pat will contact Peter Cook to see how he feels this might work with the Recycling Center, as it seems the RC might be the likely drop off site for the food waste.

4. Cilia explained what is developing with the Barrington Waterways Protection Committee. The group is sponsoring a Democracy School to educate interested townspeople about the Rights Based Ordinance. Barrington voters have been asked to consider this in the past and will be hearing more about it in the future. Cilia requested that the Barrington Natural Resources and Cultural Heritage Committee ask Town Administrator John Scruton for use of the Barrington School Annex building to host the Democracy School (Oct. 3 evening and Oct. 4). The BNRCH group discussed if it were appropriate to follow through with this request, and it was decided that it would be within the confines of what the BNRCH has been tasked to do.

Amy Antonucci made a motion to have the BNRCH Committee sponsor the scheduled Democracy School, and have the school held at the Annex, pending town approval. Robert Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Robert Anderson made a motion to amend the above to read in recognition that the BNRCH Committee has been tasked with educating about the environmental and community rights ordinance, the BNRCH Committee requests that the BNRCH sponsor the scheduled Democracy School, and have the school held at the Annex, pending town approval. Doug Bogen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sam will contact John Scruton regarding this request.

- 5. Robert Anderson offered to be Assistant Chairperson.
- 6. The next meeting will be Sept. 24th at the BES Annex.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Lenzi