

Millbury Recycling Education Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2017

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Meeting started 6 pm

Present were Paul Diccico, Gregg Borus

Absent were Melinda Taylor, Jeff Griffin (deceased), Mary Krumsiek, Dan Wales, Gregg Borus

No official meeting held as there was no quorum of members.

New business –

Board is still 6 members but several have said they are no longer interested.

Dan, Mary, Gregg, Melinda, no longer wish to be on. All members terms end as of June 30, 2018.

Committee has not met in 1 year. Scott and Paul will both be sticking with it.

Scott to inform Town Manager that board wishes to become 5 members instead of 7.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm with any future meeting being held after July 1, 2018 and after 3 members are found.

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Despres
Chairman

Millbury Recycling Education Committee

Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016

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Meeting started 7:00pm

Present were Scott Despres, Paul Diccico, Gregg Borus

Absent were Melinda Taylor, Jeff Griffin (deceased), Mary Krumsiek, Dan Wales

New business –

Board is now 6 members.

Committee has not met in 8 months. Do we want to keep it going as members are drifting away and no one has found a replacement for Jeff. Scott/Paul/Gregg decided to keep it going and to keep trying.

Discussion -

Reorg:

Scott – voted in as Chairman

Paul – voted in as VC

Gregg – voted in as Clerk

Discussion -

Minutes – Gregg was asked by Chairman to get caught up on the minutes as the committee has only submitted 3 sets of minutes out of 9 meetings. He said he would work on it.

Discussion -

Paul brought Mark Goretti to the meeting as a potential member. Mark shared some of what Gorettis does with recycling and that garbage no longer goes in the regular trash dumpster.

When asked if he would like to join the board, he respectfully declined due to being too busy.

Future meeting to be set for late Spring.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Gregg Borus

Clerk

Millbury Recycling Education Committee

Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2015

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Present were Scott Despres, Mary Krumsiek, Paul Diccico, Gregg Borus, Dan Wales

Absent were Melinda Taylor, Jeff Griffin

New business –

Discussion -

Scott went to HS. They have a recycling program there for paper and cardboard only. All cafeteria tin cans and cans from vending go in the trash. Spoke with a student on the Environmental Council who said they have tried to set up better recycling but no one does it and bins never had much in them so it fizzled out. Cardboard and paper buckets are emptied by janitor. Not sure what bin they go in once they leave the building.

Shaw has a cardboard dumpster.

Elmwood has cardboard dumpster.

Town Hall has a paper bin out front.

Discussion -

Recycling numbers are up at TS. Mr. McNeil still pushing for compactors, says price of emptying bins is rising and price of material in bins is going down. But still important to get recyclables out of window to maximize tonnage of trash to Wheelabrator.

Paul to go to Goretis and ask about plastic bag recycling.

Next meeting will be scheduled sometime at end of Summer.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Gregg Borus
Clerk

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Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2015

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Present were Scott Despres, Mary Krumsiek, Paul Diccico, Gregg Borus

Absent were Dan Wales, Melinda Taylor, Jeff Griffin (deceased)

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Scott reported that Jeff passed away and there was a moment of silence in his honor.

Remaining members to try and find a replacement.

New business –

The committee needs to have a purpose, as members are losing interest in serving. Everyone needs to make an effort to find a way to make an impact as committee has been going for a year already and we want to try and help.

Discussion -

Monthly column in Chronicle. Dan submitted one, waiting to see it published. Will write another after that.

Discussion -

Check with HS regarding their recycling program/environmental council. Scott to go to HS and check what they do there. And also Shaw/Elmwood.

Next meeting for late late June.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Gregg Borus
Clerk

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Feb 2, 2015

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Present were Scott Despres, Mary Krumsiek, Melinda Taylor, Paul Diccico, Gregg Borus, Jeff Griffin

Absent were Dan Wales

New business – none

Discussion -

Scott and Paul went to youth center in November and did a recycling demo. Recyclable items were brought, dumped out on floor, and the children present had to race to see who could sort their items first. Once everyone was done, Scott spoke to the group of about 20 youth about how, where, and what to recycle. The YG seemed to enjoy the presentation.

Discussion-

Be thinking of other ways to educate the community.

Dan to start a monthly entry into the Chronicle “Recycling Corner to help spread the word on recycling.

Discussion- re meeting night

Present members decided Monday is still best night, except Melinda would prefer Thursday.

Next meeting for late March.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Gregg Borus
Clerk

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Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2014

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Present were Scott Despres, Mary Krumsiek, Melinda Taylor, Dan Wales, Paul Diccico, Gregg Borus, Jeff Griffin

New business –

Discussion -

Block party table went ok. Many people stopped to talk and see what was going on. Scott staffed the table for the afternoon and had barrels set out for people to put their recyclables and to sort demo items into bins.

Paul suggested getting to Youth Center to do a similar demo/talk regarding recycling. Scott to set up.

Discussion-

Can not hang out around transfer station to talk with people about recycling. Already to many instances for issues with people walking around/slowing things down.

All board members to try and find other ways to promote recycling efforts.

Next meeting to be scheduled in a couple of months when more issues arise. Members will be notified by email/phone.

Meeting adjourned 8pm

Respectfully submitted.

Gregg Borus
Clerk

Recycling Education Committee
Meeting September 15, 2014 Minutes

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In attendance: Scott, Paul, Mary, Dan, Jeff and Gregg

Block Party is September 20th - 1 to 5

- Set up booth, answer questions, have a couple of games

Paul recommended that a "thermostat" be set up showing the increase in recycling. Idea was like by DPW Director McNeil.

New Business

- 3 Schools, What do they do for recycling
- Jeff – High School
- Paul – Shaw
- Scott – Elmwood
- Dan to check with High School Environment Council

Next Meeting October 20, 2014

Meeting adjourned

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Meeting June 16, 2014 Minutes

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In attendance: Scott, Melinda, Paul and Gregg

Paul gave info about Goretti's

- 50% of trash is cardboard. They pay Waste Management to pick up. Get rebate.
- Garbage – Food waste. Pig farmer picks up every 2 weeks.
- Rendering - \$75/week pick up
- Bakery – up to 50% per day is overage – given away.

Plan to do presentation at Fireman's Muster – Muster was later found to not be happening this year.

Recommended that we all pay attention to Recycling actions that may be implemented.

Next meeting July 21

Meeting adjourned.

Millbury Recycling Education Committee

Minutes, May 19, 2014

Millbury Town Hall – Large Conference Room

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Present: Scott, Paul, Jeff, Dan, Mary, Gregg

Guests: Bob Spain – Town Manager

Rob McNeil – DPW Director

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Scott introduced packet of tonnage for past 5 years.

Paul had question regarding final sentence of committee charge and wanted to make it clear that we focus on education.

Rob McNeil went over numbers, recycling is about at capacity of what can be handled with out creating more trips, and more expense, for hauling. He also went over the failed plan for the reworking of the transfer station. Suggested we get into the schools to get students on board and bring that enthusiasm home. Hauling charge will be going done July 1 to \$125 per load. The town should expect a rebate from Wheelabrator in the amount of approximately \$80,000 this fiscal year. He feels that the people that are recycling will continue and that those that aren't on board will need some serious prodding. He also indicated that food waste may be the next item to be mandated to be removed from the trash stream. Another area that he felt people were unaware of is that textiles of most kind can be recycled.

Bob Spain indicated we should look into what the private haulers are doing, if anything, with regards to recycling.

Mary changing from emphasis on glass to textiles.

Next meeting, June 9th.

Jeff made motion to adjourn, Gregg seconded, unanimous.

Millbury Recycling Education Committee

Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2014

Meeting was held in the Small Conference Room of the Millbury Town Hall

Meeting started at 7pm

Present were Scott Depres, Mary Krumsiek, Melinda Taylor, Dan Wales, Paul Decicco and Gregg Borus
Approval of April 15, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion by Mary, seconded by Melinda, unanimous, Paul abstained (was not present.)

New business - Mary received an email from DPW Director Rob McNeil regarding costs of recycling. Item tabled until after Town referendum vote and Town Meeting. Also noted that the focus of the committee is to help citizens increase recycling and we can get into financials at a later time, if so requested by the BOS.

Scott suggested the committee be able to set up at various events in town like Chain of Lights and Block Party. Other events that were mentioned were Firemans' Muster, Carnival, Car Show at Windle Field, Community Band. Paul also brought up possibility of putting a permanent sign at the Little League like other businesses do.

Paul to look into what 95 Elm St. does, if anything with recycling. He was also going to talk to Goretto's Market to find out if they take plastic bags for recycling. And what happens to the bags.

Scott did a "Is this recyclable?" presentation to give each member an idea of what to present to the public in the future.

Next meeting scheduled for May 19, 2014 at 6:30 in Millbury Town Hall

Motion to adjourn by Dan, seconded by Paul

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Borus
Clerk

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Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2014

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Meeting began at 6 p.m. in the small conference room of the Millbury Public Library.

Present were Melinda Taylor, Scott Despres, Jeff Griffin, Mary Krumsiek, Gregg Borus, Dan Wales and Millbury Town Clerk, Jayne Davolio. Absent was Paul DiCicco.

Meeting began with Ms Davolio presenting the charge given to the committee by the Board of Selectman.

"The Millbury Recycling Education Committee shall seek to significantly increase the rate of recycling among the citizens, businesses and institutions of Millbury, whether they dispose of their waste through the transfer station, private hauler, or other means. In order to accomplish this, the committee shall research the benefits, advances and options for recycling, educate the citizens, businesses and institutions of Millbury of such, and recommend policy changes to the Board of Selectmen."

Ms Davolio then went over the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and how to run and schedule future meetings.

She then instructed the committee to elect officers.

Scott Despres was nominated for Chairman by Mary Krumsiek, seconded by Dan Wales.

No other members were nominated and the vote of the committee was unanimous.

Mary Krumsiek was nominated Vice Chair by Melinda Taylor, seconded by Jeff Griffin.

No other members were nominated and the vote of the committee was unanimous.

Gregg Borus was nominated Clerk by Mary Krumsiek, seconded by Melinda Taylor. No other members were nominated and the vote of the committee was unanimous.

At this point Ms Davolio turned the meeting over to the Chairman and excused herself.

The committee held a round table discussion as to what direction it would like to go.

The first task the committee will undertake is "What happens to specific recycled material?"

Each member present was given a category to explore and present at the next meeting.

Mary - Glass

Dan - Paper/cardboard

Jeff - Hazardous household items

Gregg - Metal

Melinda - Plastic

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, 7pm, at Millbury Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Wales, seconded by Jeff Griffin, unanimous.

Sincerely yours,

Gregory Borus

Clerk