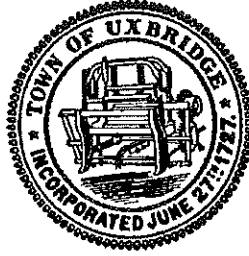


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Minutes for RSC December 5, 2017

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Present: Christine Zadykovich Chair
Linda Corona
Orlando Corona Vice Chair
Mary McDonald
Deanna Savage (alternate)
Brian Plasko (alternate)
David Tapscott (BOH Liaison)
(Christine had to leave early and Vice-Chair continued to lead the meeting.)
Wendy Timmons or Uxbridge Citizens for Clean Water joined the meeting with the Committee's permission

Citizens' Forum:

Wendy offered her experience as a food service employee and spoke about reusable trays and Styrofoam trays in Northbridge. Cardboard trays are more expensive. Foam trays occupy a lot of space, especially if they are not properly stacked. Recycling paper towels has been an issue in Northbridge.

Old Business

1. School Grant Status

Mary reviewed the school grant which allowed for the purchase of reusable trays and a worker for washing them. The possibility of using McCloskey's washer was raised. Whitin's straw challenge was reviewed. Deana was informed by this program and her family does not use or request straws. A liaison to coordinate the Green Teams of each school was also part of the grant. Christine thought this liaison be the contact person between the RSC and the schools.

Linda is helping with the Green Team at Whitin this year.

Action: Mary will continue to monitor the grant and other activities within the schools.

2. Casella tour

was reviewed. Using Casella as a resource and their virtual tours as an educational resource were discussed. A report of the tour was also submitted and will be looked at by members as needed.

3. Survey

Returns, processing and sorting and collating were discussed. Reminders to turn in surveys were discussed and posting on our FB would likely help.

Action: All members will participate in collating/data entry as surveys come in and needs for action are established.

New Business

1. Wish lists

- a. A wish list was created for the schools:

Reusable trays
Water filling stations
Green teams and spreading the word to families about materials
Straw challenge
Pictures of marine animals and impact of plastics
School assemblies, concerts, sports events presenting RSC issues
Education about litter of recyclable materials, having bins for these materials with a person to monitor proper sorting
Plastic bag recycling program and reusable containers
Composting equipment and education
Integrating recycling and waste hauling with the Town
Use of cable to advertise Green Team and other initiatives.
Student created cable programs could be used

- b. RSC wish list:

Use of cable to educate public about recycling, trash, etc.
Educating stores to have check out stations designated to handle reusable bags.
Participation of businesses: every business contributes somehow in education and giving them a green star
Plastic bag use reduction was suggested in FB post and generated lots of discussion. Ideas about reuse of plastic for roads, and other things were discussed.

2. Green Communities initiative was discussed.

Action: Orlando will champion exploring this initiative

3. Solar facilities: Deanna discussed a community which had a self-contained system of solar generation. Developing solar panels for parking lots, municipal buildings, landfills.

4. Street light policy: Developing street light policy which saves energy (LED's eg.). BOH has been contacted about this issue

Action: David will explore this possibility

5. New Member: Joyce Kutzer has submitted her talent bank form to the BOS for being appointed as the 5th member of the RSC. She was welcomed by all.

6. Miscellaneous topics:

- a. Companies which come to municipalities to do composting, etc can generate \$ for the town.
- b. Mass Green Network was discussed in relationship to plastic bag reduction. About 60 Towns have passed ordinances regarding plastic bag reduction.
- c. Having a booth at Town events to educate about RSC. Involvement of the RSC with First Night.
- d. The idea of accrediting local businesses after taking some green/recycling initiative .

7. Calendar of progress: This should be an agenda item each month.

- a. January for starting school grant and establishing a Green Team coordinator
- b. Late spring/early summer to have survey results done and a report generated.
- c. May to get kids to do a video about recycling
- d. September report of RSC's progress

A motion to approve the November 14th minutes was made by Mary and seconded by Orlando. The minutes were approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda and seconded by Brian. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be held on January 13, 2018 in Lower Town Hall

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