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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM on December 11, 2018 in the Uxbridge High School Library.

Present
Christine Zadykovich, Chair
Orlando Corona, Vice-Chair
Joyce Kutzer, Member
Mary McDonald, Member
David Tapscott, Liaison for Board of Health

Committee Status

Christine sent press releases to NUT, T&G, BVT about openings and RSC asking for status as a permanent committee.

We were asked to produce an annual report.

Standing committee

Process of becoming a standing committee. Town warrant. Discussion about what we see as our purpose/mission and how we would present this to the Town in May

Review:

Survey status
Presence at First Night and Cleanup Day
Library programs
Brochure
Green Communities

Municipal contract

School involvement with Green Teams

Newsletter, library meetings, friends of RSC, FB and Twitter, Town website, business Coordination with BVHC, BOH

Consideration of financial and logistical aspects of many recycling programs

- Goal 1: Documented status and interest in recycling and trash programs

 This should be changed to monitoring the waste and recycling in Uxbridge
- Goal 2: Develop and promote an increase in recycling and reduction in the waste stream.
- Goal 3: Educate the general public and act as a resource to Uxbridge citizens regarding goal #2
- Goal 4: Coordinate with other Town Boards and partner with a variety organizations to explore regulatory, financial, and logistical for all programs.

BVHCC

We can become a part of their volunteer organization and can become part of their mission.

Mary will check this out

Municipal contract

David reviewed the status of the municipal program, which is going out to bid soon. The BOS and TM have been kept in the loop and will be involved in the process.

BOH

Textile recycling program was reviewed.

Textile

Curbside recycling of textiles, small home goods, plates, pots and pans, shoes. 2 bags are delivered to each home and they pick up at curbside weekly. They would deliver bags to every household, and would pick up. Attleboro and maybe Milford is doing it. Town is delivered a check for \$20 per ton. Simple Recycling. This likely would involve more participation.

Waste Zero is a B corp, and a rep will come to January meeting. Social mission to reduce waste, helps design town program, guide through the approval of program. They work with Town governments to develop programs. No payment for the services of this company.

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David will check out with DEP and Irene Congdon

School

Taft Green team met recently. The Whitin Green Team 9-11 members. Views about why people idle will be solicited. Their focus has been on the number of cars idling outside of the school while waiting to pick up students at dismissal. They will be replacing "No Idling" signs on school property. This is a MA state law. They will also distribute a limited number of bumper stickers "Do Your Share for Clean Air. Turn off your engine while waiting." This information is also being sent home to parents.

System wide problems were discussed with each Green team leader, custodial supervisor, curriculum coordinator, Scott Pashoian. Checking on number of 96n gallon containers needed to service appropriately. Signage and labelling of bins were discussed.

Compost bins for each school are being proposed.

First Night

Reviewed the trash vs recycling bins. DPW handled the blue and other bins. Address the issue of using these bins at athletic fields. First night people were very happy with the small amount of trash produced. This may have been due to citizen participation. Placement of trash bins at the bank should be considered. Marching behind the band was great placement and we probably got a lot of recognition.

Library was successful outreach. Another town event was anticipated (Uniquely Uxbridge, bake sale, etc.) Future letter and visibility issues were discussed.

Library event February 4th

Green cleaning is topic. Vendors at Purple Cat were marketing cleaning topics. Solar is alternative topic. May 6^{th} topic will be composting.

Regarding education about solar energy, Solar Wolf had asked to attend the meeting. The issue of marketing a company's product was raised. Orlando will check out neutral sources, such as DEP or DOE. The issue of how and when the Town endorses different vendors was discussed at length. David will look into this.

Composting was also discussed as a springtime program. A date is TBD.

Terracycle

Approval of having a drop off box at Town Hall was endorsed. Christine will design box.

Newsletter

Due second week of January on Wednesday, the 9th. Articles will include:

- 1. Solar (Christine)
- 2. Updating MassSave (Christine) terms
- 3. Spotlight on First Night Committee (Orlando). The newsletter will highlight First Night's and Mendon Street Café's sustainability approach.
- 4. Sustainable cleaning products, (Mary
- 5. Composting and Green Teams (Mary)
- 6. Buy Nothing program (Mary-) with a local call to action.
- 7. Reducing waste and building community.
- 8. Guest author for RecycleSmart (Jeannie Foela).
- 9. Electricity aggregation and renewable energy.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

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