



Received by  
Uxbridge  
Town Clerk

*Christine Zadykovich, Chair*  
*Orlando Corona, Vice Chair*  
*Linda Corona, Member*  
*Mary McDonald, Member*  
*Joyce Kutzer, Member*  
*David Tapscott, Liaison to Board of Health*

**Town of Uxbridge Recycling  
and  
Sustainability Committee**  
21 South Main Street,  
Uxbridge, MA 01569  
Phone # (508) 278-8600 X 8  
Fax # (508) 278-8604

Email: [RSC@uxbridge-ma.gov](mailto:RSC@uxbridge-ma.gov)

The meeting was called to order in Classroom 103 of the Uxbridge High School at 6:08 PM. The Library was being used for another purpose so the meeting place needed to be moved. Notification of the move was posted on the UHS front door, the Library front door, the hallway and the door of the classroom.

**Present:**

Christine Zadokovich, Chair  
Orlando Corona, Vice-Chair  
Linda Corona, Member  
Joyce Kutzer, Member  
Mary McDonald, Member  
David Tapscott, Liaison to the Board of Health

**Terracycle**

Making the box more visible was discussed.

Batches of items were sent in by Christine, but points were not earned since there is a minimum of 4 pounds which we did not make. The list consists of what can go in the box, what CZ takes at her home, and others items which can be brought to commercial outlets such as Subaru dealers. Hannaford will take plastic film and cereal box liners.

The fate of cigarette butts was reviewed. Are there any cigarette butt collectors in Town?

**RSC**

Changes to the warrant article were passed around and reviewed. The commentary was also discussed. Members of the RSC were polled as to their interest in presenting at TM.

## Recycling and Sustainability Committee meeting April 9, 2019

Action: DT will write blurb and MM and/or OC will present. DT will circulate the latest warrant article.

### Library

Next program is May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Subjects that have been covered were green cleaning, energy efficiency, composting after cleanup day.

Single use plastic bags will be discussed. Dog poop bags are a big issue. Businesses will be approached. Hannaford's goal is zero food waste, but they are waiting for the Town to take initiative before they will do anything. Future events might include highlighting businesses who would circulate reusable bags. Future movies: *Plastic Ocean*, *Balit*, *Chasing Ice* and *Decoding the Weather* were mentioned.

OC mentioned that production drives the consumer economy. 97% of all "waste" is industrial, not consumer items.

Action: Christine will work on creating alternatives to single use plastic bags. David will present at the library

### Clean up Day

150 volunteers, government personnel, businesses, scouts and citizens all participated. Fast food items, nips, and other single use items were found in abundance. The importance of not characterizing litterers as US vs THEM mode was mentioned.

Action: Orlando will think about approaching McDonald's about doing a cleanup of their products.

### Board of Health updates

We Can Reclaim It day at Grafton had lots of participation. There are more events planned on a quarterly basis and larger items such as mattresses may be involved. Drive through involved a 10- 15 minutes waiting time.

The RSC status had been reviewed earlier.

The textile bin is ready to go, and we are waiting for the signature of the Town Manager on a letter of agreement. The principal of the high school is on board and the superintendent is deferring to him.

The municipal program and the status of the town warrant article requesting the creation of a revolving account was mentioned.

## Recycling and Sustainability Committee meeting April 9, 2019

David attended a School Committee meeting and presented the idea of them choosing a liaison for the RSC if it becomes a standing committee and assumes the role of advising how Green Community grants, if available, is distributed.

### **Schools**

A dishwasher was purchased for Whitin school, as part of the capital expenditure process. Styrofoam trays may be dispensed with.

Taft is still working on recycling process; the custodial staff does not properly dispose of recyclables. A facility person is becoming very involved with this issue, and has been designated by Scott Pashoian to champion this.

UHS textile program was already discussed.

Green Team leaders are retiring or moving on at Taft and Whitin, Lisa Strupa will stay on as UHS GT leader.

### **Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be published Friday after the Library event on May 6<sup>th</sup> and items are needed by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mary will write about Green Teams

DT will write about single use plastics and the library program and about the status of RSC and Town Meeting.

Mary will write about the Mass Green network

Orlando will write about the Cleanup Day

Christine will write about composting

### **Athletic Fields**

Still a mess, DT will check minutes of Rec Comm.

### **Events**

APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AT WORCESTER BVH VISITOR CENTER IRENE CONGDON HOLDING MEETING ABOUT STATE RECYCLING REGULATIONS.

April 28<sup>th</sup>. TAC organizing workshop in Worcester

Green New Deal travelling presentation. OC will check this out.

Recycling and Sustainability Committee meeting April 9, 2019

DATE for next meeting: June

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Linda to not have an RSC meeting in May since it will fall on the date of the Town Meeting and to have our next meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion unanimously passed

A motion was made by Orlando and seconded by Mary to accept minutes from March 12, as written. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Orlando and seconded by Linda to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Christine Zadykovich

Orlando Corona

Linda Corona

Joyce Kutzer

Mary McDonald