

Final Minutes, Approved May 8, 2017

STOCKTON SPRINGS RECYCLING and ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, March. 13, 2017, 6 PM

Present: Charlie Smith, Beth Smith, Wes Olmstead, Sam Fuller, Wayne Kraeger, Henry Martin, Sara Skofield - Select Board Representative and our new Town Manager Courtney O'Donnell.

Beth Smith, co-chair, presiding, called meeting to order timely @ 6pm.

Next Meeting : 6 PM May 8, 2017

E-Waste Staffing: March = Lori. April = Fran

The minutes from the last meeting, January 9, 2017, were read. Motioned by Henry, seconded by Wes to accept the minutes as read, passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Battery disposal: Wes reported that he has been put in touch with an organization with the name Call 2 Recycle [<http://www.call2recycle.org/>]. It appears that the past difficulties were not a problem with Maine laws, rather, with the willingness of the recycling firm he had been led to. This organization sells boxes of 2,760 cubic inches capacity, two for \$99. Wes' calculations show that inch-for-inch this is better capacity for the money than anything in the past, and comes with prepaid pickup by FedEx. Additionally, there is no requirement that the battery ends be taped.

Wes will buy the first two boxes to try the service out. Initially there likely will be one box at the e-waste collection site, one at the town office. Wes moved, Henry seconded that we ask for \$1,000 in the town budget to purchase more boxes. Passed unanimously. It should be noted that during discussion it was stressed that we will continue to look for and accept donations for said boxes and the budgeted amount is to be relied on failing that.

2. E-Waste monthly tally list: Sam reports that there is now a folder at the collection site with blank forms to use. Please keep your tally, then just put same back into the folder, Sam will secure it later.

3. Newsletter Development update: Beth spoke with Mac Smith. He has volunteered to help do the layout for the newsletter. This needs to be out by town meeting. There are just under 700 needed to do a mass mailing to all PO Boxes and RFD mailboxes in Stockton & Sandy Point. It is estimated that the cost will be somewhere around \$150 or so for postage. This backs up the need for a completed letter, ready to mail, nearer the end of May.

New Business:

1. Budget Proposal: Beth to submit written budget request, that should include \$150 or so for mailing costs, \$200 office & poster supplies, \$500 conference fees, with an emphasis more on familiarization visits to Eco Maine, for instance.

2 & 4 Newsletter & Newsletter development & distribution: Were covered in Old Bus. #3

3. Understanding Recycling Statistical Reports: Courtney will check into the conflicting numbers. We saw a Sullivan total YTD that is lower than PERC's FYTD totals. This might be explained because one is a calendar Year-To-Date, one a Fiscal YTD. She will try to resolve and help us make sense of the numbers. As an important aside, Courtney let us know that Sullivan, at some point, will cease being our trash contractor. Owner health issues are involved. The town has RFP's out and another company has agreed to step in should Sullivan be unable to complete the contract period. Sullivan Company will be done in June this year.

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Agenda item 6. **Composting Workshop:** Wayne will conduct one or more composting workshops. He will interface with the local Gardening Club, soon to resume meetings, and may develop information/brochure on another display/instruction in time to hand out a brochure at the annual Library Plant Sale. Much of what he will pass on will come not only from his experience, but also information sourced from MOFGA.

5A. **Sewage Treatment:** Wayne circulated brochures from the German firm Busse, making us aware that these folks have reverse-osmosis technology in systems for individual homes, single businesses and larger clusters of homes. The technology is State of Maine approved and being used in small applications in Harpswell and Scarborough.

5B. **Community Solar Farms:** Handouts provided for a new approach to solar electricity generation with community solar farms. This is a solution being put forward by a Liberty, Maine company, www.revisionenergy.com. Besides the information in the handouts, this is possibly the very beginning of an approach thought to be of benefit to the town and needs further study. As told, the town might be able to offset the electricity bills for all its facilities by allowing a solar array on one of the parcels of land. Electricity thus generated would be credited to the town's several metered accounts. Again, this is very conceptual and much more needs to be learned.

Sarah let us know that the select folks are working on how best to make the recycling of building materials.....as a program....work as we wish.

Henry moved, Sam seconded adjournment. Passed unanimously and adjourned 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Smith – Acting Secretary