

RECYCLING COMMITTEE 1/9/23 MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Kathleen Walker, Deb Marquis, Cathy Jolicoeur, Marissa DeJesus, Joe Mahaney, Celeste Mahaney

ABSENT: Mike Cunningham

The meeting was called to order at 5PM. Minutes from the last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Old business:

Casella-when services end, the Town and BOH will decide on a new contract for waste services for the Town. Kathleen is writing to Jim Philbrook and Andrew Golas asking if there are anymore specifics about a replacement for Casella so the KCB Committee can partner to be sure the Town still receives benefits. KCB is concerned about having one trash-hauler for the Town.

Currently, the free benefits will end 11/30/23. The letter is focused on KCB Committee being able to make progress in the Dividends Program. The towns all along the 495 corridor have single-haulers.

RDP-Deb to ask Nicole if the library is willing to increase to 40 the number of items in the lending library. Recycling and solid waste survey must be done 2/15. Deb to follow up. The Town has a buy/recycling policy- Kara takes care of making sure the Town communicated with Town employees that the Town buys recycled items.

Earth Day-Our interest parallels anti-littering. Earth Day Committee can't be under KCB, per Jim Philbrook. He states that Earth Day Committee must raise their own funds privately. At the next Selectman meeting, they will discuss getting funds from the Town for Earth Day. Joe went to Bill Borowski for funds for Earth Day. The Selectman meeting will be on Zoom. The first 10-15 minutes is open forum which may be a good time to bring up the Earth Day funding topic. Discussion around whether if Earth Day became an ad hoc committee, would they be able to get Town funds. We decided it's worth a try. It was decided that there's no need to get the Earth Day Committee under KCB this year since Earth Day Committee is already organized.

Communication- Marissa set up an Instagram account for KCB. Joe will tell the clean-up crew about the Instagram account. Currently, there are 42 followers on the Instagram account and 103 followers on Facebook. Deb suggested posting that while there is no snow piled up on the sides of the streets, now is a good time to get out and pick up litter. Joe will email the cleanup crew asking them to get out there and clean while there's no snow.

Meeting adjourned at 6PM.