

Minutes for Truro Recycling Committee
September 24 2019

Present: (Co Chairs) Nancy Fenichal and Diane Messinger
Members: and Amy Wolff
DPW Head: Jarrod Cabral
Swap Shop Volunteers: Gladys Bateman and Mary Ellen Laughlin

Jarod reported:

- The grant for latex paint collection is expiring at the end of the year, he is looking into working with Dennis, as their grant continues longer.
- Transfer station has taken 124 mattresses for recycling (this year?)
- Tonnage of solid waste has gone down by 68tons
- Recycling has stayed the same
- 2 tons of food waste have been collected this year

- Discussed that it would be good to have a nonprofit collecting the 5cent returnables at the transfer station. Agreed that we should see what Wellfleet is doing with theirs.
- Jarrod will submit request for part time employee at the Swap when he presents 2020 budget.
- Talked about having "Fix It" days at the dump. John Crosby likes to do this.
- Still discussing H2O stations. We are going to find out how Wellfleet got grants for their stations.
- Jarod reported that the town is all set to get an electric charging station that will be installed at Town Hall. We discussed the need to publicize this, especially to tourist population. We need to follow up on this.
- Discussed the need to have a plan for dealing with personal conflicts that come up at the Swap Shop. Committee does not want to play a managerial role. We agreed that the preferred approach is for the people to work it out themselves. We agreed that the vetted volunteers that are working specific shifts feel that they are responsible for what happens during their shift and that it is appropriate to respectfully explain rules to folks who stop by to help.
- Shoes: we are going to accept shoes again. Hoping that some shoe racks will come into the Swap.
- We'd like to find a volunteer who would take over summer scheduling. Daine Messinger has been tracking this thus far.
- Asked for and received permission from Jarod to install hooks in boards above the mug section so that we can hang mugs and cups. Jarod will supply hooks.



- Amy volunteered to make a sign for the door OPEN and CLOSED.
- Discussed creating a separate space for infant clothing.
- Talked to Jarod about moving the boxes that were installed to hold flyers. He said Mike will be at the transfer station during the next month. We can ask him to move them to the right of the door – where they will be more easily accessed.
- Municipal Single Use Bottle Ban: Diane and Nance have spoken to several Selectboard members who have all been supportive of the idea. Amy will speak with Bob Weinsteins
- Nancy suggested asking Elspeth Hay to offer a workshop on composting. Discussed having a visiting workshop or talk every 3-4 months and using these opportunities to educate about recycling.
- Discussed committee's desire to get back to goals of being a resource for education re: 5 R's sustainability etc.

Henry Perich
Amy

