

## Minutes – Deerfield Recycling Committee

April 10, 2024 – 7PM EST

In attendance:

Karen Festa, Scott Stantial, Robert Prieto, Lisa Dufresne, Maureen Quinn, Amy Harrington, Julie DeCosta, Michele Murphy, Missy Perron, Deb Boisvert, Will Hubner, Marie Bolster, Wad Winslow, Suzanne Steele

Absent:

David Backstrom, Sherry Godlewski, Melissa Zych

### Discussions occurred as follows:

1. New intros - Amy Harrington, Julie DeCosta, Michele Murphy, Missy Perron, Deb Boisvert, Will Hubner, Marie Bolster, Wad Winslow (*shared background, how long Deerfield resident, why want to be a member of this committee?*)
2. Reviewed last meeting's main points to bring new folks up to speed.
3. Meeting flow/structure - discussed need to follow Roberts Rules of Order, posting agenda & minutes on Town's page once created. (Town page completed 4/11/24)
4. Future meeting location - for now will continue to meet at Deerfield Community Church.
5. Great discussion of Sherry & Melissa article. Shortening what was drafted to post on Town page and then utilize the info in updates in the Dooryard Gazette and other avenues of communication. Will H. suggested creation of Mission Statement. Several words/phrases shared - educate, improve, inform. Working with the TS staff and town to make improvements. Reduce waste flow & impact to environment. Make it more affordable and cost effective.
  - Amy will take stab at drafting a mission statement for our review
6. Discussion on Improvement opportunities/current TS trailer limitations: discussed the 1/2 full can trailer get's hauled when it is only 1/2 full since there is not a secured cover when hauling and Casella doesn't want cans flying out during transport. Talked about crushers, balers and other potential ways to increase how much is hauled and improve efficiencies with cans and other components at the TS. Lisa said if there was a way to determine a cost for a crushed vs. uncrushed can with a savings attached - that could be a great visual for the townspeople to see the impact. Discussed chipping the brush being dumped post storm -- it would be a win-win for townspeople who what chips for their yards and reduced fees for FD to be called when burning brush.
7. Google Page - Deb shared what she has created. Great resource and will link back to Town page and visa-versa.
8. FB Page - Deb and Scott will be admins. Deb asked for those of us on FB to like articles posted and share with our friends. Discussed allowing comments or not. Voted to keep comments active. Monitor and see if changes are needed.
9. Add Instagram to FB page- Deb will add to capture the younger community members.

10. NRRA Expo - Suzanne mentioned speaking with John Harrington about committee members ability to attend. Have not heard back yet. Is there an opportunity for TS staff to attend as well?
11. Earth Day - post town clean up info on the DRC sites.
12. discussed volunteers at TS creating awareness of our new committee. TBD.
13. next DRC mtg Thursday 4/25 at 7PM at Deerfield Community Church.

Unanimous agreement to adjourn at 9pm.