

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee
April 18, 2018 Meeting

The meeting opened at 7:30 AM.

Present were Wendy Carr – Chair, Ray Emerson, Otty Merrill, Tammy Willey, Tim Polky, Jan Limman, Elizabeth Curtis, Kate Johanson

Spring Cleanup Day is May 12 – Wendy will pick up some safety vests (bright colored) at Ocean Job Lot because they are very inexpensive there. Concern that some people sign up for free Monhegan Boat Line tickets, then don't show up for the boat ride was discussed. Wendy has set up with Bolduc to have litter picked up. A map of the town will be in the big room so people can sign up for specific areas in advance of Saturday.
Kate will make posters.

MRRA Conference – Wendy will speak about recycling in our town along with three other people from small towns. Monday and Tuesday, April 23 and 24 at the Samoset. Maine Resource Recovery Association annual conference. As many committee members as possible will attend.

Recycling – The market for certain plastics has bottomed out. The U.S. has shipped many types of plastics to China in the past and recently that option has changed. There is not much of a market for #1 plastics. There is still a market for #2 natural and #2 colored plastics, cardboard, mixed paper, metal cans, glass, shingles. Not for sheetrock. Chips are a problem; we have more than we can give away. Textiles go to Goodwill in Brunswick; they only want things made of textiles, not shoes.

Compost – Five or six yards will be ready to sell in about 2 weeks for \$3 a box. We've been receiving horse manure to mix with the other materials and that has helped the composting process.

Household Hazardous Waste – The idea of a household hazardous waste event was discussed. Things such as drain cleaner, or old weed killer for instance. We could get together with Rockland on this. Otty will call Clean Harbors. Possibly we could budget it for later this year.

Miscellaneous – Maybe we need to revisit fees for brush this year.

The minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Next meeting – May 18, 7:30 AM