

minutes from sustainability committee mtg 3/11/21

Best,  
Allison Ste. Marie

members present: Alison Anholt, Dana Spang Menon, Su-Yin Mittermaier, Nadia Wetzler, Leigh Scharfe, Allison Ste. Marie

Bella Wright introduced as possible jr. member of committee

-minutes from 2/9/21 mtg approved

-preparing for BOS meeting scheduled for 3/15:

Dana to present sustainability committee's proposal to phase in mandatory composting. Currently town spend approx 500,000 on waste pick up/disposal. Current contract is with Waste Management which charges a fixed fee for pickup rather than weight-based fee. If town continued with WM as vendor then mandatory composting would not save the town significantly as pick-up fee would not change. Contract is up and committee supports looking into vendors with weight-based pick up fees as this would provide opportunity to save money if more organics go to compost. Will go out to bid soon. Spring 2022 as ideal goal date to implement mandatory composting. Dana raised idea of neighborhood teams to promote composting

-transfer station

Sue provided update on Black Earth's move to transfer station. delays in process now risk availability of grant money. Per state rep Brad Hill, town could probably get extension of grant

LCD/40B-all members encouraged to attend meetings

Zero waste challenge-

teaming up with parks and rec for promotion/registration/implementation. Alison to place ad in cricket. Leigh posting on social media. registration form has links to tips/tricks. weigh-ins of trash will occur in Legion parking lot. prizes (captain dusty's gift cards, whale watch for grand prize). will occur over the April school break.

Social media updates-postponed until next meeting

Next meeting 4/8/21 8pm