

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday April 26, 2023
Meeting 124 Orchard St., Watertown

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:40

Present: (In Person): Anya Pforzheimer, Leslie Evans, Alexandra Somers Lahr, Russ Arico, Judy Fallows, Eileen Ryan

Actions

1. **Approve the minutes** from March meeting - move to approve by Russ, second by Leslie - unanimously approved
2. **Dates of Farmer's Market table-** Anya will be at all dates. Tentative members who are available for the following dates.

June 14: Eileen R and Leslie

7/12: Alex

8/9: Alex

9/13:

10/11:

3. Farmer's Market planning

If people have questions that can't be answered, Alex will create a Google form for questions that we can't answer

Maybe also a resource manual of some sort so folks can look at them if they want more information. Pictures of things that can be recycled and where

Point out that there are 3 days to go to the recycle center

QR code also that points to resources online at DPW

Judy and Alex will work on the kit and bring this

- b. Discuss activities and outreach/ education goals - bring demonstrations of what can be recycled and composted, materials, make a kit to bring each time to show things. Create a kit in a bin with visuals, posters, handouts, materials, and work on gathering materials as we table and get new ideas from

We also want to educate people why this is important, maybe get some visuals from Black Earth would be good for a poster / display

Featured speakers in different months of table:

- Laurel Schwab, to speak on Resilient Watertown, climate plan and how the recycling and composting promotes climate resilience
- a fix-it person to show up? Bike repair? Computer repair people? Mending circle?
- Speaker about the importance of new bottle bill (speaks to why this is important - how this promotes actual recycling by providing clean feedstock for recycling, plastics and glass) (How does this impact Republic? Is that a problem?)

4. Discussion

1. New ideas for Outreach / programs

Dual Stream recycling - could we transition to that?

Bottle Bill - does the plastic and glass collected for deposits really get recycled?

We agree that it's a good for the letter to landlords about recycling, we should add a clause that says we advise them to forward this information along to any and all tenants

Motion to approve this letter change by Alex, second by Russ, unanimous approval.
Anya will ask the Manager's office what the next steps would be to get this added to the next tax bill.

Adjourn: 6:34 pm

Next Meeting: May 24, 2023 at 5:30