



CITY OF WATERTOWN

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: 08/31/2023

Location: 124 Orchard Street or virtual

Subject: Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (SWARC) Meeting

In Attendance:

In-person

- Anya
- Leslie
- Alex
- Judy
- Russ
- Eileen Ryan

Virtual

- Kevin Fagundoojeda, Watertown resident curious about committee

Meeting Commences: 5:30 PM

- I. Welcome and introduction of members and visitors
 - II. Actions
 - a. Approve the minutes from April Meeting
 - b. Russ moved to approve, Eileen seconded
 - III. Decide and vote on summer meeting hours/dates
 - a. No June meeting
 - b. Farmer's Market June 14
 - c. July or August meeting - email from Alex and Anya first week of July to plan a day/time idea for daytime meeting AND ask who might attend Farmer's Market for July & August
 - IV. Review farmer's market ideas
 - a. June 14
 - i. Russ can do 1.5 hrs 2-3:30
 - ii. Eileen R – no
 - iii. Anya whole time
 - iv. Alex comes around 4:30
 - v. Eileen Z and Judy- check in (Anya will do)
 - b. July 12
 - i. Alex and Anya there for whole thing
 - V. Discuss and plan
 - a. Alex will finalize documentation for table and send it to Anya
 - b. Make large print available for folks to read if they like
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- c. QR code will be up for folks to scan to sign up for compost on the spot
 - d. QR code for <https://recyclesmartma.org/>
 - e. Poster:
 - i. Change "hierarchy" to Waste Management "goals"
 - ii. What should the color scheme be? Want just two colors
 - iii. Leslie will send to Anya, Anya will distribute
 - iv. Might go on a banner
 - v. Don't be a wishcycler
 - f. Need table cloth- can someone donate?
 - i. Table will be set up
 - g. Items to get to Anya to bring:
 - i. Poster/banner
 - ii. Metal rack from Leslie to hang posters
 - iii. Box of various items that can or cannot be recyclable
 - 1. Add an egg carton - gray crumbly one is compostable, not recyclable
 - 2. Black take out
 - 3. Plastic bag
 - iv. Refer folks to websites
 - v. Clipboard to take down questions folks ask
 - b. What are the FAQs? - be sure to record
- VI. Additional Discussion
- a. Two zero-waste events:
 - i. Arts and culture events in August
 - ii. Faire on the Square in September
 - 1. Anya not coordinating a ton - Commander's Mansion
- VII. Reappointment/joining
- a. Russ and Eileen must get reinterviewed!
 - b. Kevin (guest via Teams) is interested in learning more about getting involved. Russ described process.

Minutes submitted by Alex Somers Lahr, Chair
