

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 12/4/14

PRESENT Co-Chair Juli Brazile; Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Karen Einstein, Secretary Pete Howard

MINUTES of 11/6/14 voted approved as printed. Unanimous

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). She is exploring making an arrangement with a kitchen waste hauler/recycler that residents could sign up for and would pay for. Group discussed the concept that the DPW (perhaps with ARC funding) provide small kitchen top containers as a 'reward' for those that purchase third-party kitchen waste collection services

In 2012 the Board of Selectmen was supportive of the idea of achieving a 50% diversion rate, although no one present could remember how specific was their support and whether a vote was taken. Members will research between now and the next meeting. The committee discussed whether to advocate a target date to reach this goal. It would be desirable to know how much would be gained by complete compliance with the current trash/recycling regulations. Metrics include the number of 'violation' stickers issued (for more than 3 barrels or no recycling present) that are handed out each week. Also the number of related phone calls to DPW. Charlotte's audits should provide more info as well. Members believe that at least reducing the maximum numbers of barrels from 3 to 2 or 1 may be required to meet the goal. A kitchen waste program may also be needed. Juli will invite DPW Director to the Feb ARC meeting to discuss this issue.

UPDATES

Business Recycling: Juli reported that the license form that was sent from DoH to haulers contained several questions about recycling (Ref 3). We hope that the responses, when compared to the responses from business to the CoC survey will provide a basis for a campaign to increase business recycling.

FinCom Presentation: The ARC may be asked to justify its budget. If requested, it will probably be in early Feb. Gordon will prepare a handout with an expenditure summary & budget together with a history of diversion in Arlington & the initiatives that DPW & ARC are carrying out. This handout will be reviewed at the Jan meeting.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY 11/15: The collection was successful with much more foam and a huge amount of rigid plastic. We processed the contents of 578 cars. Charlotte donated the income from shredding to the Food Pantry. She presented a revised traffic & booth layout for May 9 (Ref 2). This plan addresses various bottlenecks we experienced last month. To be successful it needs many more volunteers, perhaps 8 per shift. Members discussed this issue. Perhaps some training would help - see below.

SPRING EVENTS

Jan TBD Tour of the new JRM recycling facility called Greenworks in Peabody. This will be by invitation with open tours in the spring.

Jan 31 (tentative) Training for volunteer recruiting. Sponsored by Sustainable Arlington (and Vision 2020 overall) and facilitated by True Story Theater.

Mar 7 EcoFest (energy theme) Several suggestions were made for ARC booth. Dramatize the energy savings represented by tons of trash diversion. Make a display that could be reused in other venues. Include a roulette wheel. Quantize quantities by using animals.

Apr 16 Art Show Reception. Art should be hung much earlier in March before EcoFest. Ellen is trading off high quality print paper vs recyclable print paper. A bartender will be required (\$\$) if we want wine & beer.

May 9 Community Collection Day

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Advocate Articles: Larry: See something, Say something	[12/01/14]
Gordon, 2014 Summary article/Collaborative composting	[01/01/15]
Erica: Life Cycle Issues	[Date TBD]

NEXT MEETING 1/8 - Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Ref 2 May 2015 Draft 4

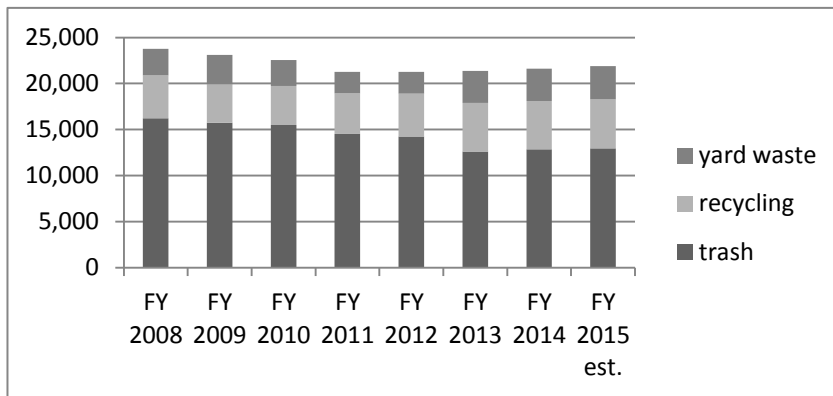
Ref 3 Question for licensed haulers

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Ref 1

Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste

	trash	recycling	yard waste	Mass MSW Master Plan	Arlington Goal	Imagine if we diverted food waste (-25%)
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881			
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216	2008	16,232 tons	12,174
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799	in FY14 we are @	12,846	9,635
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332	(30%) by 2020	11,362 tons	8,522
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381	(80%) by 2050	3,246 tons	2,597
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503			
FY 2014	12,846	5,271	3,488	Conclusion: to reach 2020 goal we need to reduce trash by another 1.500 tons.		
FY 2015 est.	12,943	5,330	3,604			



Diversion Rate (rec+yw)/(rec+yw+trash) FY2015 est 41%

Recycling Rate (rec/(rec+trash)) FY2015 est 29%

Monthly Totals

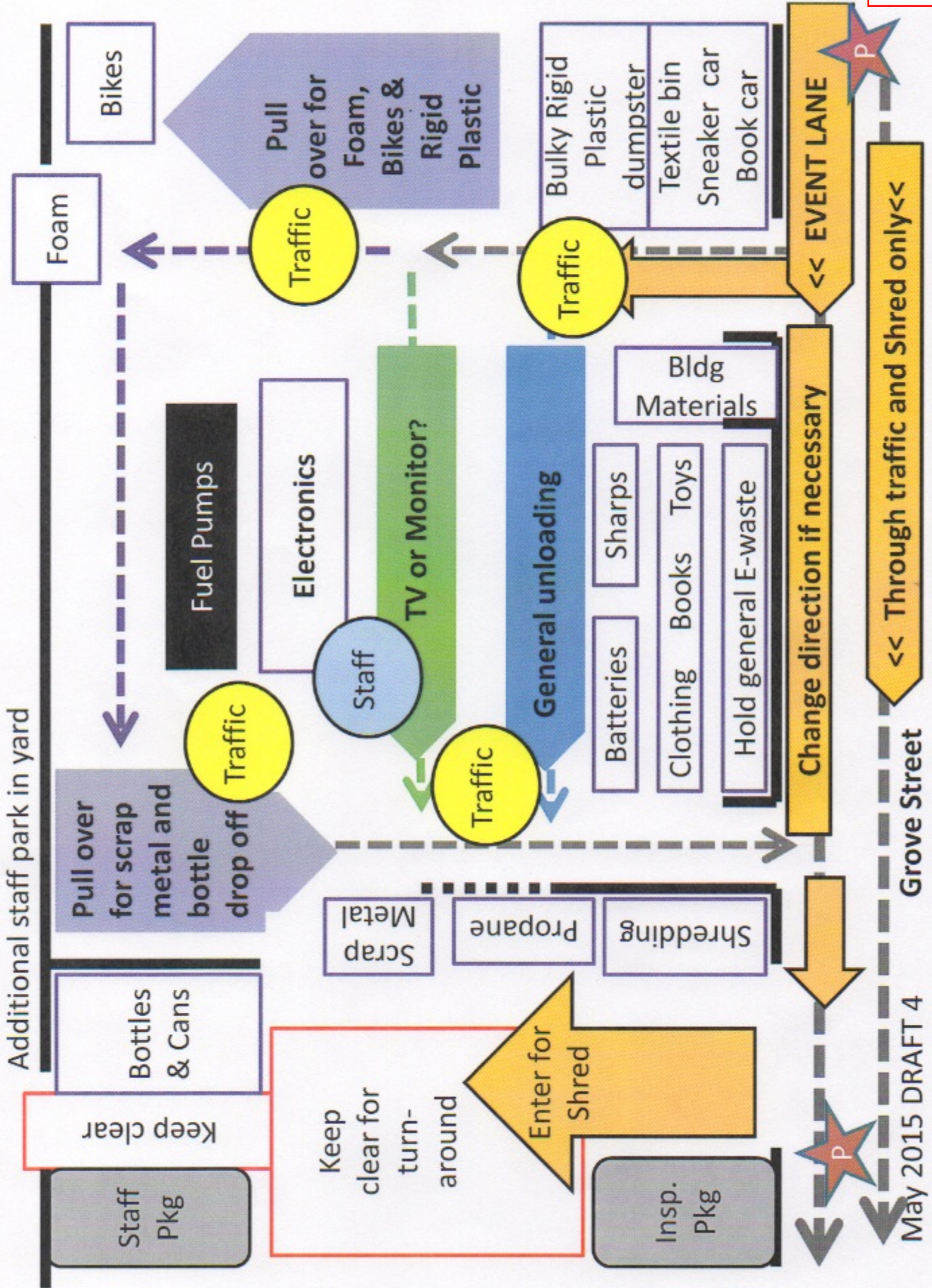
Month SW Tons Rec Ton: YW Tons ARC Expense Report

Month	SW Tons	Rec Ton	YW Tons	Date	Purchase	Cost proj.	Balance
Nov.	1,049	430	1,173	7/1/2013	Start		\$ 3,000
Dec.	1,138	478	17	11/16/2014	Foam	250	\$ 2,750
Jan. 2014	1,086	478	135	11/16/2014	Rigid bulk	200	\$ 2,550
Feb.	880	350	0	5/9/2015-proj.	Foam Recycling	250	\$ 2,200
March	970	402	0	5/9/2015-proj.	Rigid bulk	200	\$ 2,000
April	1,131	460	374				
May	1,148	441	411				
June	1,081	481	270	Model CCD annual budget- per event			
July	1,149	463	312	Paper shredding	500		
August	1,032	413	217	Foam collection	250		
September	1,163	439	248	Rigid plastic	200		
October	1,116	495	447	TOTAL	\$950		
Projected	12,943	5330	3,604				

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DPW RC Action Priorities - update

1. Increase curbside monitoring of program compliance: **resume in December**
2. Build on public space recycling opportunities/programs: **starting open space waste working group over winter**
3. Improve compliance and appearance of waste collection on Mass Ave, including business compliance with orange bag program
4. Continue public outreach through media and website publication:
5. Monitor school building compliance with mandatory recycling
6. Explore new programs for waste diversion, including rigid plastics, bulkies, food waste, HHW expanded operations, and potential regional CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Material): **rigid plastic collection at CCD a success, will run again in May 2015,**
7. Monitor dumpsters on Town program
8. Organics awareness: **Bishop School compost program going well, Dallin School compost pilot program proposed for spring launch, exploring private compost collection pilot program for spring 2015**



May 2015 DRAFT 4



Town of Arlington
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Office of the Board of Health
 27 Maple Street
 Arlington, MA 02476

Ref 3

Tel: (781) 316-3170
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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO HAUL
 Fee: \$110.00 (payable to Town of Arlington)

The undersigned hereby applies for a license to haul solid waste in the Town of Arlington for the purpose of storage, removal, or transporting of garbage, rubbish, or other offensive substances in accordance with Chapter 111, section 31A and 31B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended and subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of Health.

Business Name d/b/a _____

Business Address _____
Street city/town zip

Mailing Address _____
(If different from above) Street city/town zip

Email _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone # _____

Please circle or write the appropriate response to each question:

Do you offer recycling services to customers in Arlington? **YES** **NO**

If not, why? _____

Do you offer recycling services to **SOME** or **ALL** customers in Arlington?

Do you charge extra for recycling? **YES** **NO** **DEPENDS ON VOLUME**

If you do not offer recycling to ALL customers in Arlington, briefly describe which customers do not want recycling: [please list name of customer (s) or types of business (i.e. restaurant, retail store)]: _____

Are you aware of companies such as Recycling Works recyclingworksma.com that provide free advice to businesses who are trying to start recycling programs? **YES** **NO**

****Please attach a list of all facilities in the Town of Arlington from which you collect****

Signed _____ Date _____