



Arlington Recycling Committee  
Minutes of 6/2/16

**PRESENT**

Members: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Larry Slotnick

Residents: Paul Goldberg, Rebecca Sacks, Sue Sheffler

MINUTES of 5/5/16 approved as amended. We approved Ellen's expenses for the photo display in Town Hall. The gross cost was \$821.71 and we will be able to reimburse her for all for of that, less sales tax.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** See Ref 1. April was a short month so the numbers look low. CCD in May was 477 cars – a bit smaller and with a lot of new volunteers. Brackett School has contracted with Bootstrap for a trial program as a commercial client, which means they don't have to separate meat and dairy. This is a grant-funded project and Charlotte believes it is the best option for Arlington now. She is applying for a grant to pay for a district composting coordinator to manage all the school programs. The Town Manager may be ready to propose a reduction to two trash barrels to the Board of Selectmen after the June 14 election. There are no program changes in the new recycling guide to be sent out in July. All extra collections at Recycling Centers will be advertized using social media and the Advocate. Charlotte will begin collecting kitchen scraps at the Farmer's Market. Rebecca may be able to take some shifts, too. We approved up to \$1000 for Charlotte to purchase more portable recycling bins for events. There was a great deal of interest in taking the address data from the Recycle Center sign-in sheets and putting it in GIS and a database to look at repeat customers vs new visitors.

**BUSINESS RECYCLING:** Juli converted the online survey to a simple 2-pg format for mailing. We have 163 businesses to mail to. Juli has labels we can print, #10 envelopes and small return envelopes. We approved the costs – roughly \$176 including postage to mail and stamps for the return envelopes to increase the response rate. Charlotte will try to get our meeting room on a Thursday soon for a mailing party.

**COMPOST PILOT:** Larry and Charlotte met with First Parish UU's Green Sanctuary Team to discuss composting. There are concerns and Larry is working with the Parish Administrator to resolve them. It seems that sending an email about our compost pilot to the non-profits that get curbside trash and recycling service (churches, preschools, B&G Club) might be fruitful. The households may feel more comfortable about sharing a bin and we are offering both free bins to those who sign up and some classes on composting to their members. We would need to draft the letter/email and research a mailing list, but we didn't identify a volunteer to coordinate that yet.

**RECYCLE RIGHT:** The Advocate skipped a week and then repeated a column by accident. The new schedule will be on the Google spreadsheet. Gordon proposed an article that provides a way to think about diversion. There are six large categories of material that should not go in the trash. Two of those go in curbside bins: plastics/cans/glass and paper/cardboard. Three more can be dropped off in town: textiles/shoes, e-waste, and books. Finally, it's best if households don't incinerate heavy, wet kitchen waste and ARC supports composting as the best alternative. The only things that must be brought to the Recycle Center are rigid plastic and foam. Sue volunteered to work on this column with Juli. We should publicize to community groups that they can ask DPW to borrow portable recycling bins for events.

**TOWN DAY BOOTH:** Charlotte will arrange for an ARC table at one end of Mass Ave associated with the composting and recycling station there. The DPW table will be at the other end of Mass Ave with the recycling and composting station there. We will have our handouts at both tables. We want to prepare a display for our table that focuses on easy volunteer opportunities to support recycling: attend our meetings, join our mailing list, volunteer at Recycle Center. Maybe also a display capturing the idea of the "6 bins for diversion" from the Recycle Right discussion. We will need to send email out explaining what we need volunteers for at Town Day.

**NOTES FOR NEXT PROGRAM YEAR:**

Municipal solid waste is not a category included in the Town's Sustainable Action Plan – we may want to review. We need to vote on making Paul Goldberg a full member at next meeting.

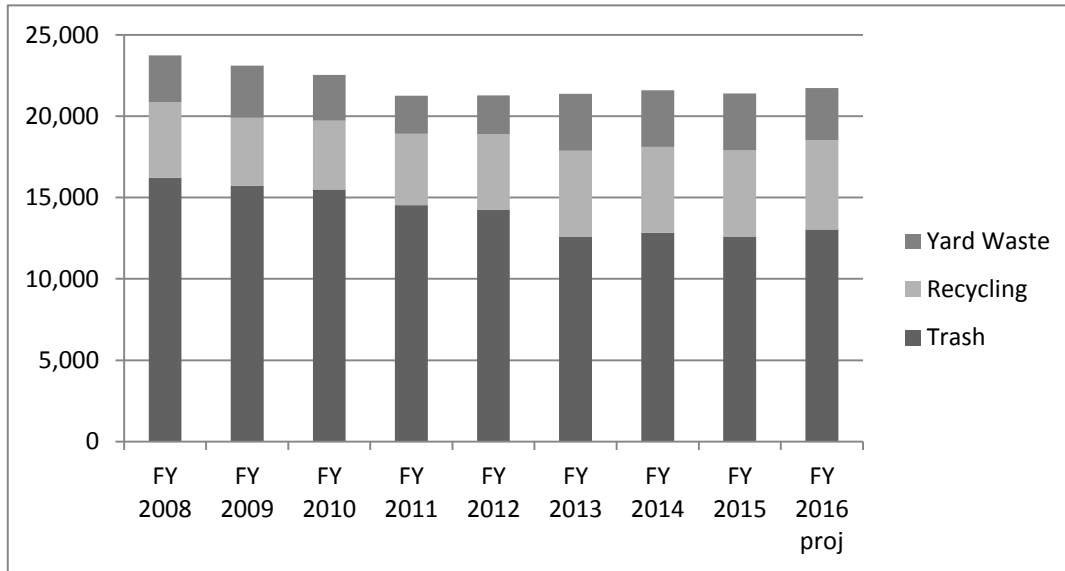
**NEXT MEETING 9/8/16** – (date change) Most meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Ref 1 Recycling Coordinator's Report.

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**Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste Category**

	<b>Trash</b>	<b>Recycling</b>	<b>Yard Waste</b>
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503
FY 2014	12,846	5,271	3,488
FY 2015	12,603	5,297	3,506
FY 2016 proj	13,039	5,483	3,223



**Recycling Center progress**

<b>Month</b>	<b>HH/Cars</b>	<b>Foam</b>	<b>Rigid</b>	<b>E-Waste</b>	<b>NEW</b>
June 2015	66	49	25	12	
July	100	52	30	40	
August	120	73	24	31	
September	152	95	50	51	
October	193	118	49	87	
Nov CCD	515	30 cy	20 cy	NA	
December	124	75	32	49	
January 2016	138	84	24	42	
February	135	93	33	40	29
March	145	95	34	54	40
April	160	100	49	51	39
May CCD	477	30 cy	20 cy	N/A	
<b>TOTAL recycling trips</b>	<b>2325</b>				

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<b>ARC Expense Report</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Exp</b>	<b>Bal</b>
7/1/2015	Start		3000
11/14/2015	Foam	250	2,750
11/14/2015	Rigid bulk	200	2,550
5/14/2016	Foam	250	2,300
5/14/2016	Rigid bulk	200	2,100
ongoing	Compost bin share	1000	

<b>Municipal Solid Waste Monthly Totals</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>SW Tons</b>	<b>Rec Tons</b>	<b>YW Tons</b>
May 2015	1,088	414	346
June	1,119	484	211
July	1,127	446	261
August	1,047	417	197
September	1,215	427	248
October	1,137	454	295
November	1,151	466	1,097
December	1,129	576	152
January 2016	1,051	473	84
February	930	431	0
March	1,062	505	0
April	983	390	332

**MA Solid Waste Master Plan targets:** For Arlington to reach our share of the state's 2020 trash reduction goal we need to reduce trash by another 1,241 tons.

**Program Updates**

Recycling Center upcoming events: Sat. June 11, July 16 and Aug 13- volunteers still needed for all three events. All dates set through June 2017. We'll advertise adding scrap metal for the upcoming year. Health Department and additional organizations and agencies are invited to partner with the Recycling Center dates as we continue to build the monthly event visibility, interest and participation.

Community Collection Day: 477 cars, new volunteer groups and great weather made for an excellent event. I hope everyone likes their t-shirts! Please let me know what sizes I still need to order.

Messaging (outreach and education): ARC web page updates coming along, most articles are posted and will continue to be added as news items. More attention to Compost Bin Share program and Recycle Right campaign still needed. Video project not yet complete.

Compost programs: Food scrap drop off at Farmers Market again this year, starts June 8. School composting updates: Dallin composting is...going, Brackett will started a five week trial with Bootstrap Compost. Bishop onsite composting going great. Thompson undertaking a food waste audit in June. A grant will be submitted to the MA DEP for a school recycling coordinator that can assist additional schools in composting next year.