



Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 1/12/17

PRESENT

Members: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Paul Goldberg, Ellen Callaway, Larry Slotnick, Karen Einstein

Residents: Pete Howard, Dori Mazor

MINUTES of 12/1/16 as printed.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: The Committee noted the absence of the Town's effective, able and respected Recycling Coordinator.

CURRENT ARC PROJECTS Juli listed the following

- Composting
- Business Recycling
- Recycle Right
- Recycling Containers
- One barrel trash

DPW RECYCLING PROJECTS: Also need volunteer support

- Monthly Recycling Center
- Community Collection Day
- T-shirt Hack
- Single Use Bags

ONE TRASH BARREL

Juli proposed a campaign to get more residents to get by with one barrel per week. She suggested a slogan "One If By Trash Truck." Gordon suggested "One if by Trash." There was considerable discussion. Members wondered if the reference to Longfellow would resonate or if it would be confused with Recycle Right. They wondered if a series of articles would comprise a campaign. Juli mentioned the idea of stickers on trash barrels for households that wanted to make the commitment to one barrel. Paul suggested a diagram for each article that would show recycling progress being made. Members pointed out that the only visual of this sort we have so far is an annual one. Perhaps the last month compared to the same month a year ago would work. Juli said she could rewrite the column to put the focus on trash reduction as a goal, but not to talk about it as a campaign. We can refer to the goal in future columns when it makes sense.

COMPOSTING

Larry reported that he made 10 composting contacts so far this month through the Arlington List. Directly offering help setting up the bin and getting started composting seems to be a better approach than offering free bins to neighborhood groups. The committee agreed to supply him w/ 17 bins left over from the FY16 pilot program. Juli will see if a GIS-based map of known composters could be set up & maintained by the Planning Dept.

RECYCLE RIGHT

As discussed above, the first column this year will introduce some specific goals that residents might take (one barrel) and a goal for Arlington overall (50% diversion) and we can build from there. For the next column in January, Gordon will discuss the materials, often in trash, that could be recycled.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Juli has discussed w/ Susan Stamps who is still interested.

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Larry had suggested in November subsidizing containers as a way of encouraging curbside recycling. He had gotten prices from Shattucks & Home Depot. There were questions about buying locally & handling the money. He suggested barrels could be sold at the Monthly Recycling Center. If we approach Larry's proposal (discussed in December) as a pilot to demonstrate to DPW the demand for subsidies to encourage people to upgrade to better containers than the blue bins, then giving away 200 discounted bins makes sense. The Town will let us do a Survey Monkey. We can write survey questions about containers so we can determine the best container for this program and discuss the details next meeting. Juli recommends we take a detailed proposal to DPW if we are asking for their help implementing our idea since they need to approve storage and maybe help with purchasing or handling money.

NEXT MEETING 2/2/17 – Most meetings 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor