



Zero Waste Arlington Committee June 2019 Minutes - Draft

Date: *June 20, 2019*

Time: *7:30PM*

Location: *Town Hall Annex*

Attendance:

Members: Larry Slotnick, Sarah Kmetz, Priya Sankalia, Paul Goldberg, Allison LaValley, Charlotte Milan

Associates: Rich Piazza, Julie Benyo

Minutes

1. *ZWA is now using the projector and a laptop in the Town Hall Annex meeting room. No paper for printing out minutes and agendas will be used!*
2. *May minutes approved*
3. *Feast of the East - Larry provided the committee with an update on the event with Allison and Priya adding in some comments*
 - a. *There were a lot of questions about composting*
 - b. *There was a lot of enthusiasm and questions*
 - c. *Charlotte spoke about the Town adding a search module on the website where we could guide people to look for how they can recycle items*
 - d. *There was a discussion about the materials we had prepared. It was very windy - hard to keep everything down; the composting information quarters were very handy*
4. *Fix It Clinic - July 14*
 - a. *We need to promote the clinic - we could connect to the other clinics on FB*
 - b. *Some articles have been written about it - on Recycling page (Town website)*
 - c. *The November clinic will have clothing swap as well*
 - d. *A lot of the logistics have been worked out by Charlotte*
5. *New Name - this is an intermediate period between switching names from Recycling Committee to Zero Waste Arlington and we will need to use both for a few months*
6. *Beer Garden Tabling*
 - a. *Sarah will set up a Sign Up Genius (1, 2, 2 volunteers for 3 shifts). More volunteers to help with the event composting*
 - b. *More compost guides (verbally direct people to FIDO - but they need to register on the website)*

- c. *There is capacity for anaerobic digestion (lesser for composting)*
- d. *Some suggestions on getting the message out about composting - we should ask Aeronaut staff to promote; announce from the stage; put a cup on compost can and some image of the cup on the sign. Keep experimenting*
- e. *Maybe use it as an opportunity to recruit volunteers*
- f. *We should have gloves available for volunteers and garbage grabbers (Charlotte will provide)*
- g. *Larry will find out about who is taking the compost*
- h. *We should consider getting a smaller tent for these events*
- i. *Allison will summarize and communicate with Aeronaut*
- 7. *Town Day - we are registered as Zero Waste Arlington*
 - a. *We could try and get on the Town Day Committee?*
 - b. *The table can have 3 bins for people to use*
 - c. *Try composting today - sign on a bin on the table*
- 8. *Rebranding transition*
 - a. *Budget allocated - approx \$1500*
 - b. *We reached out to 2 designers and one of them has worked with Envision Arlington and have picked her (Sarah Mascarelli)*
 - c. *Sarah will be point person - should have contract signed in a couple days.*
 - d. *We should have process wrapped up by August*
- 9. *Recycling Coordinator Update*
 - a. *Recycling Guide is almost done*
 - b. *Recycling Dept and intern did some outreach on the styrofoam ban with small businesses.*
 - c. *Tours were successful - good turn out. These are good people to ask to volunteer. Paul and Rich spoke about the experience - Deer Island is very large; processing over a billion gallons; tour was very technical*
- 10. *ZWA Leadership discussion - Larry spoke about the process. If members want to step up to a leadership position they can think about it and we can vote in July meeting.*
- 11. *Paul brought up a suggestion of engaging legislators and other organizations in Town and other towns as another initiative we could take up*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019.