



Zero Waste Arlington Aug 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/24/23

Time: 7pm

Location: *Online Zoom Meeting*

Attendees: Priya Sankalia, Scott Mullen, Amy Speare, Margie Bell, Jennifer Campbell, Jim Ballin, Larry Slotnick, Paul Goldberg

Minutes

1. The committee approved minutes for April, May, June, and July 2023.
2. Mully gave an update on the work that he and Paul are working on Legislative issues.
 - a. Good meeting with Rep. Ciccolo. They want to try and focus on coalition building and one potential coalition could be with Lexington.
 - b. Strategy to reach out to other groups and build on instead of working in a silo
 - c. Lexington Zero Waste is a separate non-profit not a committee.
 - d. Mully will connect with Margie on her connections in Lexington.
 - e. Ciccolo's caucus does not see EPR as a priority. Legislators are interested in seeing how it's going in ME before venturing into it. She hasn't given up on the expanded bottle bill. Single use plastic is next and food waste is also important and on her radar.
3. Town Day Planning
 - a. Volunteer email reviewed
 - b. Booth -
 - i. a lot of interest in textiles. Maybe have the materials there for what can be recycled.
 - ii. Single use waste reduction - focus - 14 restaurants who are. A poster for 25 restaurants who are using lower waste options for takeout and dining in. Publicizing who they are.
 - iii. Call to action - how can you help these restaurants? Bring your own cup, bring your cutlery - to go kit; along with what would be in 10 takeout containers.
 - iv. 2 profiles of people who are new to town and who need to know about our initiatives
 - v. a quick list of everything we do. Did you know?
4. Pilot booth update - going well

- a. Discussion on where the table can be - we'll try for being close to the food.
- b. Margie and Amy shared the proposed budget for the pilot. Some one-time costs and some repeated costs. Sanitizing is a large cost for us. Zero Waste Takeout banner.
- c. The committee unanimously voted on spending upto \$900 on the pilot program.
- d. Yes Plastics has been a good partner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30