



## Zero Waste Arlington March 2024 - Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/21/24

Time: 7pm

Location: Grove St

Attendees: Priya Sankalia, Larry Slotnick, Paul Goldberg, Amy Speare, Rachel Olivieri, Sarah Kmetz, Scott Mullen, Jennifer Campbell

### Agenda

1. Old Business
  - a. Review and approve Feb 2024 ZWA meeting minutes.
2. New Business
  - a. Skip the Stuff outreach planning
  - b. Plastic Free MA membership vote
  - c. Chamber of Commerce membership discussion
  - d. ZWA Strategic Planning discussion
  - e. Subcommittee Updates
  - f. Miscellaneous Topics

### Minutes

1. Legislative Committee Update
  - a. Paint bill - Paul thinks it has a good chance of passing (EPR bill)
  - b. Bottle bill - Plastics free Mass is optimistic about it passing - raise the redemption rate from 5c to 10c. Rate of return has gone down
  - c. Call to action went out and there is a lobbying opportunity on April 2. Lobbying day organized by Plastics Free Mass Coalition of which ZWA is a member.
  - d. Scott - update on meeting with Rep Ciccola - very proactive with ideas on financing on local govt infrastructure
2. Plastics Reduction Group
  - a. Outreach to restaurants - Katie Luczai (Town's Economic Coordinator ) - good rapport with businesses - she's a good contact.
  - b. All the restaurants have been sent an email and we have 3 responses.

- c. The middle school restaurant composting pilot now has legs - ZWA is helping to identify 6 businesses who are interested in a free waste assessment of their business. April 17 is when RecycleWorks is going to come out for the assessments
- 3. Mothers Out Front
  - a. Amy and Priya are going to go to the meeting - reduce single use work and a general overview of ZWA
- 4. Amy - Mill Cafe at High Rock - discussion on if we should spotlight
  - a. Get more information
  - b. They are a very eco-friendly businesses practices
  - c. A lot of good posts on businesses spotlighting it
- 5. Arlington on Tap
  - a. Things are on hold for now
  - b. Larry is attempting to connect with Sean about more funding for additional water filling stations
  - c. The Res one will be installed this spring/summer; third - Magnolia and Thorndike - unit installed but needs testing
  - d. Assurance from Joe Connoley on new Rec dept projects - which are firm that we can publicize. Larry to ask so Amy can publicize.
- 6. Comprehensive hauler regulation - keep moving forward
- 7. Strategic Planning email
  - a. Priya and Larry gave an update
  - b. Reached out to Jim Feeney - he is interested in talking to us
- 8. Tabling Activities
  - a. Sarah will put tabling stuff together
  - b. EcoFest - April 20 movie showing
  - c. Heights Fest - May 18 - 2-5 pm/19 Rain Date
  - d. Arlington Resources Fair
  - e. Chamber of Commerce - concert events in the center
  - f. Beer Garden - Sarah to reach out to see if we can do a pilot using our green cups - cups and onsite logistics
  - g. Town Day
- 9. Heights Painting - Charlotte will send details.