



**Zero Waste Arlington
May 2024 - Minutes
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Date: 5/16/24

Time: 7pm

Location: Location: 51 Grove Street Arlington MA; 2nd floor conference room

Attendees: Larry, Charlotte, Jennifer, Emily, Jim, Paul, Sarah, Margie,

Guests: Davida (works in plastics engineering dept at U Mass Lowell) , Davide

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Agenda

1. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve April 2024 ZWA meeting minutes.
2. New Business
 - a. Tabling Events update
 - i. Stratton School Science Fair - Emily - some kids knew what to do and some didn't - adults had a lot of questions
 - b. Subcommittee updates
 - i. Sarah to keep looking in to beer garden and reusable cups
 - ii. Margie
 1. how many cups do they use
 2. check with Taylor Rental and Arlington Brew Co again
 3. to consider: buy clear reusable cups for beer gardens
 - c. FY 2025 Calendar planning
 - i. this summer figure out how to spend money for upcoming year
 1. beer gardens? cups?
 2. more cutlery? (for Town Day?)
 - d. Leadership planning
 - i. Larry: need to still write up list of what co-chair responsibilities are with Priya
 - ii. next meeting - discuss next fiscal year for ZWA: co-chairs? define sub-committee leadership more
 - iii. spend our budget?
 1. promo materials, including tents - this year - more banners?
 2. t-shirts - could use budget to buy more for this for tabling
 - a. helpsi? (ask Margie)
 3. registration fees for events, Zoom license

4. do we have \$1500 to spend on another water bottle filling station?
5. Charlotte propose for Arlington on Tap to find out cost and who would want it and where
- e. Miscellaneous Topics
3. movie & panel "We are all plastic people now"
 - a. discuss how movie and panel went - overall well - about 35 people
 - b. Larry said Q&A was engaging for people
4. Charlotte
 - a. what could ZWA do for next Eco Week?
 - b. Greenworks Tour - June 27 at MRC at 10am
 - c. closing in on bid - will be published on Monday (have about 10 weeks for signed contract)
 - i. putting bid out for composting - to gauge cost
 - d. restaurant composting program (3 months for free) - going slowly, 6 interested, 3 signed up
 - e. re-design zero-waste guide to be more pages
 - f. met with a woman and had an idea for a webinar - stores that offer bulk
5. Margie -
 - a. at our events, how can we rally people behind legislation
 - b. went to talk in Lexington - for who wrote "a year of no waste" and her CTA: don't rececyle (speaker lives in VT)
 - i. learning lesson: vet what people are going to say - what is their message?
 - ii. have a clear CTA
6. plastics can be useful; but the single use, how do we get rid of?
7. Paul - legislation
 - a. upcoming session - hard to get attention b/c so many bills
 - b. focus: EPR (extended producer responsibility) and single-plastic
 - c. sources for info: Kirstie Pecci, plastic free coalition
 - d. Michelle Ciccolo, State rep from lexington, heads up zero waste caucus in legislation
 - e. it's knowing people on the inside
 - f. expanded bottle bill - increase to 10 cents from 5 cents, and increase commodities - voted on, now sitting in senate
 - g. climate bill - details?? - large - better to have small items in larger bill? more likely to pass?
 - h. act to reduce plastics S570 - plastic bags, disposable cutlery, nips, plastic bottles under 1L, statewide composting
 - i. pieces of this may get put in to the climate bill
 - i. focus on house bills now: health care, IT, housing and bonds
 - j. What can ZWA do?
 - i. time our approach to get attention of state legislature - so need to pay attention of what is being discussed in legislature
 - ii. then phone, email at right time
8. next meeting - June

- a. finalize this year's spending
- b. FY 2025 Calendar planning
- c. Leadership planning
- d. How help Charlotte? (Amy's email)
- e. re surface webinar series?
- f. what kinds of events should we do this year?
 - i. how support Charlotte? awareness of bulk items and possibly new recycling/trash carts
- g. subcommittee updates

Town's fiscal year ends June 30