

NASWAC Meeting Minutes
February 5th, 2009
DPW Conference Room

Attendees: Tina Klein chair, Steve Daly vice-chair, Bruce Thibodeau, Keith Alter, Lisa Conti, Susan Almono, Martha Mittelstaedt, Pete Murley, Judy Walker, Norm Bagley, Steve Sakakeeny, Tim Moulton

- 1) Call to order and confirm minute recorder
 - a. Meeting started at 7pm
 - b. Pete Murley to record minutes

- 2) Accept last month's minutes
January meeting minutes enthusiastically accepted

- 3) Old Business
 - A. Bruce met with Carolyn Dann to begin putting together some marketing materials to use with Multi Family recycling effort. Bruce likes the idea of organizing a group presentation to multiple Multi-Family complexes. Keith says that the list of who's who is about ½ complete. Keith also noted that Mill Pond is ready to take some action.
 - B. Lisa and Bruce met with school officials. Their reaction was positive and Lisa is going to meet with the folks at the Franklin School. Lisa will also be setting up a final audit at the Sargent School in the spring.
 - C. Tina discussed the Abitibi program whereby schools get to keep some of the money for recycling paper. **Action Item: Steve** is going to inquire as to St. Michael's program.

- 4) New Business
 - A. Quick jump to new business just to throw off the minutes taker. There was a goodly amount of discussion as to suggestions for waste reduction. Herewith in no particular order: Pay-As-You-Throw seems like a promising idea. **We decided we should develop a financial model for the town by 2010. We need a volunteer to do this.** Will discuss next month. Another thought is to use High School volunteers (Knights Mission) to help market recycling. **Action Item: Lisa** is going to call Christine DeRosa to see if plastic utensils can be recycled at the schools. Bruce is looking for someone to work with him on recycling education. Bruce also noted that Wheelabrator is willing to renegotiate a three year contract at a lower rate. Tina brought up the idea of monitoring household recycling with warnings and fines. Springfield has had some measurable success with this type of program.

- B. Tim Moulton presented his research on Bay State Textiles. Simply put, they provide the town with a trailer and pay \$50.00 per ton for clothes, shoes, and small toys. Since we get no revenue from Planet Aid Bruce will be calling Planet Aid to cancel. We will make the switch when the Recycling Drop-off moves to the TBI facility.
 - C. Another tour of TBI was suggested once they are up and running.
- 5) Okay, back to old business.
- A. The discussion generally centered on who wants to fit in where in the new organizational structure: Coordinating subcommittee, Municipal subcommittee, Residential subcommittee or Commercial subcommittee. We have a few definites. Susan is working on an energy audit. Steve Sakakeeny will shadow National Grid when they do their audit of the Middle School, and Steve Daly expressed an interest in the small carbon diet as it pertains to residential.
 - B. Keith and Lisa will be setting up 12 rain barrels at the Sargent School
 - C. Rain Barrel day will be April 18th which coincides with Hazardous Waste day.
 - D. Norm will be spearheading the Earth Day cleanup.
 - E. In a fine-tuning of OPT Steve Daly will provide Susan with information on the Bike Bank.
 - F. Tim will bring a kilowatt meter to the next meeting.
 - G. Lisa showed us an environmental calendar drawn by kids.

Next Meeting(s) 3/5/09, 4/2/09