**SR September 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance**: Micaela Guglielmi, Geri Yuhas, Liz Vago, Beth Gillett, Melynn Nuite, Susan Yochelson, Bonnie Bain, Nancy Gilberg, Kristin Woodruff, Carol Hautau, Tony Keck

**Absent**: Erin Huggard

August 4th, 2020 Minutes approved by roll call

**New Business**

**• Book Swap Virtual Alternatives**

* Nancy posted list of free libraries to Facebook (Nancy noted many are currently full).  Beverly Bootstraps is also accepting book donations.
* Liz suggested asking residents to put table out with books on date scheduled for cancelled book swap (Sept 12). Susan suggested a city-wide book swap (similar to city wide yard sale). Beth suggested changing date to allow more time to organize and promote. Beth suggested drop off only (not accepting donations).  Kristin suggested having something to identify donation location (balloons, signs, streamers). Geri suggested the board of health would consider this similar to outdoor retail shops.  Susan suggested “Salem’s Free Book Day”. Suggested date: Saturday, Sept 26.
* Next steps: Liz, Nancy, and Micaela volunteered to further discuss promotion/marketing
* Nancy (with Alexa Ongo) suggested creating book specific buy nothing group on Facebook.

**• September E- Waste**

* Micaela noted similar to June event, no new information
* Hazardous waste - Sept 12 - considering promoting

**• Virtual Repair Café**

* Micaela suggested sharing YouTube videos of events that have already happened.  Liz suggested requesting local small businesses to volunteer for interactive videos.  Kristin suggested posting videos for this one and asking community what they would be interested in seeing for future events. Micaela stated she will email tinkerers to find out if anyone would be willing to do a video.
* Next steps: send any links to Micaela. Final decision can be made at October meeting.
* Geri inquired about the status of the library’s ‘library of thing’.  Nancy informed all items can be found on the library’s website.

**• Styrofoam Collection Day**

* Swampscott collects bulky Styrofoam for trash only, does not recycle Styrofoam.
* Possible location: 2 Bridge Street
* Micaela has not heard back from Matt from Gold Circuit- waiting to confirm with this vendor.  If does not hear back, will need to shop for a different vendor.

**Textile collection event - November**

* Beth inquired if still happening.  Micaela to confirm with vendor.
* Geri requested Micaela send plan to Dave at Board of Health.
* Inquired: will we be able to have walk-up/bike-up > to confirm with city of vendor is able to create drop off box.

**Task Force- Updates**

**• TerraCycle**

* Bonnie shared 2 potential options for TerraCycle collections (Swiffer - brand specific and/or Gillette - any razors).
* Kristin suggested also encouraging residents to utilize TerraCycle individually.
* Next steps: confirm Textile drive will happen in November, then promotion/marketing

**• SR Mission Statement**

* Beth shared survey themes:
  + Interest in becoming more connected to the city government
  + Getting the city/Eric/WM more involved in the committee
  + Interest in doing virtual events
  + Need to get more community members/younger generation involved
  + Doing more with composting in the community
  + Continue in person events, when circumstances allow
* Beth inquired who with the city we would need approval from (and who would send out). Believe that we were discussing a community survey here and most agreed that Dominic would have to approve the idea of a survey and then approve the actual questions. Micaela to check with Dominic on this
* Carol pointed out that a community survey would probably not reach the people that we are hoping to involve in our committee and activities - ie younger and other races and cultures.

**Community Outreach**

* **Waste Reduction Coordinator Update**

Micaela informed the committee that Eric Duffy has resigned and his last day is Friday, Sept. 4th. Also, the twice a week trial program for trash collection in the Point has begun. It seems to be helping with less litter and overflowing trash, but still unsure if this will be a permanent change

**Correspondence**

* **Social Media Update**

FB – 2,753 followers, IG – 938 followers

* **Electronic newsletter-topics, creation and increasing distribution**

Susan stepped down from newsletter creation, Bonnie offered to take on this project

**Other Business**

**General Committee Announcements**

* Liz: Julie Rose will be honored by MassRecycles
* Melynn: inquired about status of Simple Recycle.  They are not taking on new clients/cities until Covid is under control.
* Susan: butt bin stickers need replacing.  Nancy/Geri/Micaela volunteered to replace. Carol volunteered, too.
* Micaela confirmed butt bins are collected by the City DPW