

SalemRecycles Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2015
6:30p 3rd Floor 120 Washington Street, Salem.

Members Present: Julie Rose, Tony Keck, Beth Melillo, Eva Mossberg, Flora Tonthat, John Roberts, Carol Hautau, Geri Yuhas, Myrna Soper, Penny Neal, Lynn Murray
Members Absent: Nancy Gilberg, Liz Vago, Susan Yochelson

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Chair, Tony Keck.

New Business

1. Approval October 6 Minutes – all approved.
2. Update on December 1st meeting – at Flora Tonthat Northey St. B&B.
3. 2016 – mid-2017 Leadership. Beth Melillo to be the Salem Recycles chair, Carol Hautau to be the Salem Recycles Vice Chair. Clerk position remains to be filled.
4. May event – Should we include Styrofoam or Construction & Demolition (C&D) recycling drop-off at the event? Discussion involved cost of the event, parking, and whether surrounding communities should be invited to participate. At close of discussion Styrofoam seems to be a better match for the event than C&D recycling.
5. Parking Lot Revisited – SalemRecycles collects ideas for further implementation and places them on a list to be revisited in the future. On the list currently includes: “How to” Guides, hosting a repair event, and initiative Salem Sustainable “U.”
6. Old Barrels drop off – Barrels can be dropped off at the DPW in the front from 8a to 2p. There are also 6 other areas where residents can drop off barrels, including the Willows. Community members can contact the city engineering department for more information -

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7. Update on automated pick up – Started the first week in November. The city is still working with condos and neighborhoods in order to be sure houses have the right number of barrels for their needs. All concerns can be sent to the engineering department for more information. Each concern will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The city is committed to solving initial implementation struggles.
8. Community Outreach – In 2016 SalemRecycles would like to focus on reaching out to various neighborhood groups and promoting more discussion.
9. Cigarette Butt Recycling Update and Promotion – The butt bins continue to be utilized, but effort still needs to be made to get them in the places with a high volume of foot traffic and smokers. If the bins are full then the best way to get them emptied is by logging the information on SeeClickFix website, or call Julie Rose in city engineering department. Continuing to work on displaying posters and promoting the program so that there is widespread city awareness. Tony Keck would like to get a butt bin near his practice. Those who would like a butt bin should contact the city office.

10. Correspondence

Dropbox – Need to find a storage solution.

Monthly Facebook – 1264 likes.

Constant Contact Susan Yochelson continues to do a good job.

GreenSalem – Carol Hautau has agreed to keep an eye on the website check for outdated Dual Stream information.

Monthly Blog – Beth Melillo has posted “10 Ways to Reduce your Trash” blog post. Creating a timeless handout for residents from the content is the next step.

Themes for 2015 – Committee members are heavily promoting the upcoming waste management changes to what can be recycled and how recycling will be collected in the upcoming months.

11. Mandatory Recycling update - Focus on getting getting the toters out every other week.
Recycling is still mandatory in Salem.

12. Other –

- a. SalemRecycles to pursue increasing recycling in Salem High School in 2016
- b. Please share the Q&A with SalemRecycles from the SATV with community.

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