



**Minutes SalemRecycles Committee Meeting held
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
6:30 p.m. 1st Floor (Medium Conference Room)
98 Washington Street, Salem, MA**

Present: Julie Rose, Shelby Hypes, Beth Gillett, Geri Yuhas (chair), Erin Huggard, Carol Hautau, Tony Keck, Melynn Nuite (committee clerk), Nancy Gilberg, Liz Vago, Lynn Murray, and Susan Yochelson

Absent: John Roberts

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Geri Yuhas

Approval April 3, 2018 Minutes – approved.

Old Business

1. Debrief Repair Cafe-April 3

Positive feedback overall about the event.

In the future:

- a. It is important that all work is completed by 12 noon. Last repair entry at 11:30 a.m.
- b. All items are to be checked in and extra items are to be kept at the check-in desk.
- c. Knife sharpening station still needs improvement.

2. Salem Science Night – April 5, 2018

Carol Hautau and Melynn Nuite attended this event. It was very busy and 3rd person would have been utilized. SalemRecycles was beside Black Earth Compost which worked well. SalemRecycles did egg carton starter 'pots' with soil/compost mixture. Again, the bean bag toss was very busy. The players were very knowledgeable about recycling, even though a number of the students' homes have limited recycle, compost options. SalemRecycles believes we should continue our participation in this event.

New Business

1. Swap -n- Drop May 5, 2018

The event will run from 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Salem Common. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so the event will not have to move to the Senior Center. Julie will let volunteers know on Friday if the event will be moved. Volunteers are expected to be present 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Water will be available and pizza for volunteers will be delivered at 11:30 a.m.

2. SalemRecycles' 10th Anniversary event May 2, 2018

This event will occur at Salem Sound Coastwatch at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

Subcommittees- updates

1. Butt Bin Recycling-adoption program

This effort needs a sub-committee to get this off the ground. Susan Yochelson and Melynn Nuite have volunteered to be on the subcommittee. No MOUs have been signed. Subcommittee meeting date to be determined.

2. Trash Reduction

a. **Bookmark** - Erin Huggard continues to work on this project.

3. Mandatory Recycling/Hauler Ordinance – implemented by June 12, 2018

City haulers will be responsible for recycling as well as trash removal. In order for a hauler to get license in the city, the hauler has to meet Salem's recycling. This expectation is met in other MA communities. Board of Health meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. at 98 Washington Street.

4. GreenSalem.com

Shelby Hypes has been putting much work into this site, working through problems (including browser security). Shelby and Mikayla will meet next week to work on this. Shelby noted that it is possible that there are grants (\$3-\$4K) available that would support the work that really needs to be done for this site.

Erin Huggard has made updates regarding SalemRecycles' 10 years of existence.

Community outreach

1. Plastic bag ban communication

- a. Family Dollar store has changed bags and is now compliant.
- b. Jon Louis Pasta Shop is non-compliant
- c. Brodie's Seaport restaurant/pub has been sent letter as they continue to use plastic bags. (owner subsequently called to ask about different types of bags in order for them to be compliant).

Correspondence

1. E-mail reminders

Committee is not to make decisions via email. OK to note items to be discussed but discussion is not to take place until the time of meetings.

2. Monthly Facebook

1,843 "Likes"; Views are decreasing

Nancy Gilberg reported that the FB algorithms are ever changing. Nancy will provide invite and sharing demos to committee members so we can continue to share information about our committee's events.

3. Electronic newsletter-topics, creation and increasing distribution

Will be sent out May 2, 2018.

4. Periodic Blog

Liz Vago has volunteered to to a repair café posting.

Strategic Plan

Action Plan update – It is expected that this will be finalized by September 2018.

Other Business

General Committee Announcements

1. June meetings
 - a. Committee meeting on June 5, 2018 6:30-8 p.m. at 98 Washington Street
 - b. Volunteer Appreciation gathering on June 13, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at Winter Island Function Hall. There will be upcycled prizes.
 - c. Committee annual gathering on June 25, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Julie Rose's home. Details to be sent out later.
2. NO SalemRecycles Meeting in July
3. Letters of Welcome have been sent out to our newest committee members:
 - a. Shelby Hypes
 - b. Beth Gillett
4. Straws
 - a. biodegradable vs. compostable – committee needs to do some homework on this.
 - b. Proposed to promoted "Coast Smart Restarants"
 - c. Propsed to promotet "Skip the Staw" campaign
 - d. Subcommittee to be created with Liz Vago, Susan Yochelson, Nancy Gilberg, Carol Hautau, and Beth Gillett.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting will be, June 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at 98 Washington Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Melynn Nuite
SalemRecycles Committee Clerk
Ward 6 resident