

## Minutes of RASWAC Meeting – May 10, 2023

Zoom: 8:30am

Members Present: Chair Abbi Santos

Other Members Present: Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing

Also in Attendance: Roby Whitehouse and Kiersten Thomas

**Call to order:** 8:32 am

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve by Carol, seconded by Jill. Approved at 8:33 am.

**Town Meeting Review:** The Committee discussed planning a meeting with the new Health Director about the polystyrene ban and plastic bans in Town. Roby had looped back with Jay about the polystyrene ban that begins on June 1, 2023. A sub-committee of Carol and Jill was motioned and approved at 8:39 am for meeting the Health Department and the Board of Health regarding the bylaws.

**Website Update:** Carol talked about the newest feature of the website: Recycling Tips! It is still under construction and the current one is about gardening pots. It'll be going live soon. Carol is trying to decide how long to leave the tips up. She also is working with Tom to get a notification feature for Recycling Rules! Usage of the website is up 89% and mostly new users!

**RASWAC Budget:** The Committee is going to work on putting together a spreadsheet with the cost of the items that they would need for projects that they are working on.

Potential things that will need to be budgeted for:

- Recycling Rules
- Magnets (how many and to who)
- Printing Costs

There was discussion of how to reach out to short-term rentals regarding recycling. Roby points out that it would be beneficial to have a discussion with the Health Department regarding short-term rentals.

**Member Discussion:** The Committee would like to work closely with the petitioner for the plastic bans that were voted on at the Town Meeting. The Committee discussed reaching out to Selectwoman Dorcas McGurrin about a meeting to discuss membership outreach. They would like to add potential members to the mailing list.

Interviews will need to be scheduled with the potential new members with Selectwoman Dorcas McGurrin.

**Board of Selectmen:** Roby mentioned that the agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 23 that there will be a discussion of a nip ban. Carol would like to invite Senator Moran to a meeting as these bills move forward to get clarification.

**State of Sanitation:** Mattress recycling is causing some difficulties. A second container may need to be purchased to accommodate the volume of mattresses being received. Textile recycling is going strong! The containers at the disposal area and the school are being swapped out regularly.

There will also be information sessions about co-mingled recycling at the disposal area. One will be on the don'ts, and one will be on the dos.

Roby is also working on the final report for the Recycling Dividend grant for this year.

**Agenda Item for Next Meeting:** Recycling information sheet discussion.

**Call to adjourn:** 9:31 am