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RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting – June 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom – 8:30am

Members Present: Co-Chairs-Jill Talladay and Carol Ewing, members; Abbi Santos, and Charlie Spooner. Also in attendance: Jocelyn Raneo

Approval of Minutes: Jill Talladay motion to approve Carol Ewing second. All approve.

Polystyrene Ban: Clarification about moving forward. Sending something to BOS. Answer questions and requests. Samples of what restaurants will use instead and wordage changes. Jill has a group working on guide together about alternatives (what they are and where they can be purchased). Will have something in the next couple of weeks. Black Earth is looking to expand their composting throughout the cape. The alternatives can be composted. Response to BOS is priority. Survey results. Need to discuss the results with Mary and possibly doing the survey again. Not sure if now is the time because of all of the regulations needed for reopening. Revising on counter parts (removal). Revise bylaw, results of survey, and samples. Charlie brought up the point that now more than ever waste is created due to the sanitation aspect so education on alternatives is necessary. Abbi feels that the more information given to the restaurants the more likely for a change. Carol will put together a memo to Pam with the revised polystyrene ban and include a note about keeping in mind what and how we are disposing of things. The committee does not feel that waiting is a good idea and to keep the BOS updated.

Future Meetings: Zoom will be the meeting platform for July. Charlie feels that the topics fall more under sustainability rather than recycling and would like to see this on the next agenda. (Putting recycling into the garbage stream is more cost effective) There are markets related to recycling that the Town plays in on paper. Most of the recycling efforts are more expensive than disposing it with garbage. Not know what is involved in changing a committee. Jill suggests that we think about inviting BOS or representative (Mark) to a meeting to discuss when we can meet in person again. Charlie wants to rattle their cage to create markets for recycling. Charlie would like it to be part of the charter to be informed. Jill said it is bigger than the Town but a worldwide issue. Abbi feels it would be a better agenda item for when the committee is at full capacity and meeting in person again. Jill and Carol feel that Roby will have more information. Carol suggests inviting Mark to the July Zoom meeting. Jill suggested inviting Dan Knapik as well.

Old/New Business: Still no news on the grant. Roby had mentioned that she was going to reach out again. No news on the student committee member.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Charlie, Second by Jill. All Approve.

Next meeting dates: July 14, 2020 via Zoom at 8:30. If someone is not able to make the meeting they need to let the committee know. Confirm receipt of the minutes and agenda and RSVP.

