

Green Community Committee Meeting

February 9, 2023

In attendance: Bill Taylor, Dominique Ross, Phil Kazlauskas

Format: Virtual

Quorum: Met and meeting brought to order: 7:03pm

1. Red Cross Clothing Collection Box:

- a. Option presented to DPW
- b. Bill to meet with Town Manager to find a spot for this in town. Would help with textile recycling. Could we also ask Joe about a place to add some additional textile recycling bin on the Grafton/Westborough side of town.
- c. Phil's question - where does the clothing go? Bill to find out. Funds from clothing collected go to disaster relief.
- d. All in favor of this opportunity.
- e. Dominique to find out if Nipmuc or BVT have high school Red Cross chapters - those might be good locations for a donation box.

2. Composting Program - Board of Health Meeting

- a. Rat problem - Phil trapped one sizable rat near his home. Rat issues have shown up on the BOH agenda.
 - i. What is the litmus test for it being "a problem"?
 - ii. BEC towns - is there an increased rodent problem in those towns with the introduction of the composting program? Contact BOH for those towns.
 - iii. Dominique to follow up

3. Planned Mailer - Recycling Information from Board of Health Meeting

- a. Apparently there is no point to recycling according to our BOH, because there is no market for recyclable materials.
- b. A recent article in National Geographic indicates that recyclable hard plastics numbers 1 and 2 are still worth recycling.
- c. We need to educate residents on the ways to dispose of plastic bags, people still believe you can recycle them.

4. Streetlight Project

- a. **Streetlight LED Replacement:** No updates. Bill to send Phil emails regarding the project; Phil will follow up and try to get this moving again.

5. Reinstating Municipal Aggregation Program for purchase of electricity - Uxbridge just started it. Robert Jordan sent Bill a communication about this. Will follow up with the Town Manager to see if DPU has approved of the program.

6. Approval of minutes from January 12, 2023. Motion to approve minutes submitted by Phil Kazlauskas at 7:30pm. 2nd to motion - Bill Taylor. Roll call vote: Taylor - aye; Ross - aye; Kazlauskas - aye.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting submitted by Dominique Ross at 7:31pm. 2nd to motion - Bill Taylor. Roll call vote: Taylor - aye; Ross - aye; Kazlauskas - aye.