

Hopkinton Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes, 6-14-2005

In attendance:

Kevin Kohrt
Tom Drechsler
Kimber Barton
Michael Szczepan,
GM of BFI, Auburn Div.

1. Approved minutes from 5/10/2005.
2. Mail:

Selectmen's Notice re Quarterly Dept Meetings, goals.

Request by Selectmen to review "Mass Producer Take Back Campaign" materials, dated 3/18.

3. ***EMC Park recycling bins:***

With the summer season of Little League in full force, the recycling bins are getting filled weekly, with a large amount of recyclable materials overflowing the trash cans at each of the dugouts. The number of bins has been increased to 5 for the Little League fields after a discussion with Brendan Doyle, the new Parks & Rec commissioner. He has agreed that we add more of the 96 gal bins to be placed at each of the dugouts on every field, plus the present two at the refreshment stand for a total of 8 for the ball fields. There are 2 at the playground.

We have exhausted our supply from the grant from 2003, & we agreed to explore other avenues to provide the bins.

The committee feels this is an important effort to demonstrate to the kids & towns-people that Hopkinton is serious about making recycling happen. If they see the town making a concerted effort then the message to continue that effort at home is reinforced. We are looking for other public locations to provide this service to help with this message.

4. ***Michael Szczepan, GM of BFI, Auburn Div.*** attended the meeting per our request
Discussion ranged on various topics, notably:

- A. EMC Park recycling pickups occurs today on alternate Wednesdays.
We described the needs at the park for the summer months, & he volunteered to conduct weekly recycling pickups at EMC Park as a good-will effort for the town beginning the week of June 19th.

Carrigan Park does not have similar needs: the bins are not filling as rapidly.

He requested that we supply a letter requesting that service on town letterhead.
We agreed to issue a letter jointly with the Parks Dept.
(Draft sent 6-16 to Parks / Rec)

- B. We related our needs for additional 96 gal bins & described how we were modifying them with cutouts to allow cans & bottles to be thrown in. He would prefer to keep his containers un-modified, so we agreed that he would replace the containers supplied through the grant at the Police & Fire Dept so that we can use those for the parks.

BFI replacement bins are to be dropped off Fri 6-17-05 & Tom will contact the departments to arrange a pickup of the old bins.

C. Enforcement of existing Town bylaws:

We had an extensive discussion about this topic, with no clear solutions. There is a need to schedule recycling & trash routes so both trucks are not on the same street for traffic flow & efficient pickup. This means that there is no way to be sure that a particular household is non-compliant or has simply brought emptied recycling bins back into the house.

5. ***Wheeled bins for Curbside pickup.***

Correction from the last minutes: The wheel kits are from Busch Plastics, & Tom has requested that JT add this to the agenda for the next DPW Advisory committee meeting .

6. ***E-trash***

The Haz-Mat day was a huge success!! Kudos to DPW for setting up & running this event with Clean Harbors, & to Paul DiBona for arranging the e-trash pickup by CRT of Brockton, MA.

Kevin & Tom surveyed various household items for weights, for pricing for future e-trash pickup at the drop-off center. JT is presently receiving quotes for this. See attachment for listing of weights.

7. ***Recycling bins for next year's marathon.***

A letter was sent to Dottie Ferriter, Chair of the Marathon Committee, cc to Eric Sonnett & J.T. Gaucher, volunteering to coordinate supplying recycling containers for the 2006 Marathon, & requesting that the trash hauler also provide recycling pickup for the event.

Adjourned at 9:30 pm.