

# Hopkinton, MA Recycling Committee Monthly Meeting

15 November 2005

*In attendance: Tom Drechsler, Kimber Barton, Paul DiBona*  
*Regrets: Kevin Korht*

## **DRAFT** **Minutes**

- 1) Meeting began at 7:35 pm
- 2) Voted to accept minutes from last meeting
- 3) Tipping numbers - will send them with the final minutes of this meeting
- 4) Marathon Committee – BP trucking currently picks up the trash. Currently no recycling offered. There is a concern of contamination with food waste from BP and DPW. Tom working with a lady in Concord who runs a week-long golf tournament with no problems with contamination. Suggest a recycling liaison/advocate **on** the Marathon Committee who is responsible to make sure recycling is incorporated into the event. Maybe focus on the athlete's village the first year because not as much food product? Town Common is more convenient because BFI picks up in that area the following day. It's also more visible. Plus, mostly out of towners there. (Postnote: a proposal was subsequently sent to Parks & Rec, the Marathon Committee & DPW to service the Commons.)
- 5) Update from the recycling center
  - High demand for disposal of empty propane tanks
  - Demand for helium tanks. Paul has found out that iParty will take them back.
  - Waste oil: retailer that sells new oil has to take back the old oil; Brothers has changed their name to Ramsey Auto Repair (they take it for \$1 per gallon). Must take it to Ramsey during business hours (currently 8-5 M-F)
  - Car and truck batteries traffic is high. It's free to drop these off at the recycling center.
  - Next Sunday is last Sunday to be open for brush and leaves drop off. 8-12
  - e-trash update
    - Will pay 15 cents per pound to Harvey
    - Accepting now at recycling center
    - \$10 for large TVs (19" and above) and all computer monitors
    - \$5 for small TVs and CPUs (includes laptops)
    - \$1 for phones and other small electronics
    - Tom to check website
    - Paul has two 40-yard containers with locks and is separating the items
- 6) Board of Health mercury reduction initiative  
Tom is working with them to set up fluorescent bulb collection at the two hardware stores in town (Hitchings next to Collellas and Hopkinton Lumber)

7) Bins, parks and rec

- Discussed recycling at the parks – Little League and Pop Warner football. Starting this past summer, Tom ensured there were bins and the recyclables were picked up by BFI.
- Event permits: Events at various locations in town – when organizations pay to “rent” these spaces, need to ensure they recycle. Tom to talk to Selectmen.
- Cultural Arts Alliance. Are they recycling during their functions? They put their trash out like a residence.

8) Grant submission. Tom completed the grant app this year and requested medium (40 gal) wheeled bins.

9) PolyArts recycling – this was the first year and it was successful. We will be continuing it. Request the PolyArts committee designate a member who is responsible for recycling.

New Business:

Freecycling. There had been some interest from the community, but nobody showed up for the meeting.

*Adjourned: 9:05pm*