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March 21, 2024

1. Bring Meeting to Order: Meeting brought to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Meeting held at UARRC

2. Board Members & Alternates Present:

Diana Hauser (Unity)

Michael Berry (Thorndike)

Phil Bloomstein (Freedom)

Beth Soucie (Unity)

Kip Penney (Knox)

Jenny Tibbetts (Jackson)

Paige Zeigler (Montville)

Greg Falzetta Thorndike-ALT)

Ross Nason (Dixmont)

Leigh Juskevics (Manager)

3. Board members & Alternates Absent:

Eleanor MacMackin (Freedom-ALT)

Robert Hogg (Troy)

Don Pendleton (Dixmont-ALT)

Jeri Roberts (Jackson-ALT)

Sharon Hibbard (Montville-ALT)

4. Agenda Adjustments:

Corrections to February's Minutes and Minutes format.

5. Approve February Minutes:

February Minutes to be approved with corrections.

a Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved

6. Manager's Report:

Manager's Report - March 21, 2024

I was on vacation for the first week of March and things ran well with Jeff and Casey at the helm. Jeff was out last week with a bad back and Casey did an excellent job of running things in the Warehouse. Jeff is back and hopefully taking it easy. A committee for recycling from the town of Winterport contacted me to learn about recycling here. During the week of March 4th two members from that committee came to tour the Center with Mike. Last week I went to meet with the whole committee to tell them more about the Center. Winterport currently recycles with EcoMaine. They pay \$55,000/year for transportation and another \$3,300/month for recycling. Winterport has a population of approximately 4000 people.

I have been working on the Annual Solid Waste Management Report which is due 4/30.

Traffic so far for the month has been 366.

MRRA is having their trade show and conference April 29-30. There is training from the DEP for Hazardous and special waste on Tuesday (April 30).

We were without phone/internet a couple days this week. The line at the pole had issues and Direct Communications came to fix it.

Comments/Discussion:

The MRRA Conference & Trade Show is at the Samoset.

Leigh & Casey should attend the hazardous waste training.

We need to start moving accumulated items even if it costs us.

A need to address warehouse work - it is not getting done.

Lots of discussion about recycling fees.

Town of Winterport visited the Center and are thinking of trying to join UARRC.

The impact on our Center would be huge - can we absorb all the extra items, when we aren't getting rid of our own items.

Perhaps we should close for a week in order to deal with accumulated materials.

7. Budget vs. Actual update:

Spreadsheet is available from the Center if needed.

No discussion.

8. File/Policy Update:

Greg is in the middle of a hazardous plan list of materials & waste.

We must communicate what the hazards are and how they can be mitigated.

9. Solar Panel Update:

OK.

10. Plastics Discussion:

Should we continue taking film or not?

Nextrex won't take the bales we have because they are wet - stored outside.

19 bales. What to do?

Do we continue to accept and keep it clean & dry? Do we only take film we can get rid of?

Educate. Educate -with signs and mailers. Keep it clean & dry & accept.

A poster can go outside and a mailer to all households.

11. Learning Center Interns:

Discussion.

Insurance is a big issue.

We are not able to manage/implement an internship program at this time.

12. Wrap Up & Assignments:

Signage at the Warehouse. Mailers to be designed. Posters distributed in public spaces.

Continued work on Policies-Plastics-Markets-Education-Outreach

13. Adjournment:

A Motion was Made, Seconded and Approved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

14. Minutes Submitted:

Diana Hauser (Unity) UARRC Secretary