

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 9/3/15

PRESENT Co-Chair Juli Brazile; Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Larry Slotnick, Karen Einstein, Ellen Callaway, Rebecca Sacks, DeAnne DuPont, Pete Howard

MINUTES of 6/4/15 approved as amended. Unanimous

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte discussed her monthly report (Ref 1). The final actual trash number for FY15 is 12,603, 2% under 2014. The diversion rate was 41% & the recycling rate was 29%. These results are respectable, but we have a way to go to meet the State goal.

Charlotte was able to open the planned monthly recycling center starting in June. She saw a steady increase in cars with a corresponding increase in materials recycled. She is hoping to get a large walk in shipping container for at least the winter months. At least one volunteer is very helpful at this event.

TOWN DAY Juli & Charlotte plan a chart (Ref 2 w/ notes on additions) on recycling issues & opportunities.

They will have a handout advertising CCD.

RECYCLING CENTER: Juli will provide a signup site for monthly volunteers.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Pete went over the preliminary tally (Ref 3) of the business survey returns. There were 141 returns of which 99 used a private hauler. There is some information that could be used to follow up. Karen is working on the hauler survey returns. Further discussion was postponed to next month.

RESIDENTIAL COMPOSTING: Juli led a discussion of how the ARC could facilitate residents composting food waste. This is a promising way to meet the diversion goal. For several years the ARC has subsidized compost bin sales. Juli suggested food waste & yard waste would make a good combination. She suggested neighbors might collaborate to share a bin located in one yard that enjoyed enough space & used by neighbors who did not have the space. Issues discussed included privacy, sharing of bin maintenance, and different standards of acceptable food waste, use of product. Could compost bins be subsidized only if used for neighborhood composting? Charlotte said she would be available for coaching. Pete to draft a proposal for discussion.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not discussed – left over from last year)

Bulky waste

ACMI Recycling Series

Mounting Recycled Beauty pictures in Town Hall Lobby

Advocate Articles promised at previous meetings (not discussed):

Larry: See something, Say something

Gordon, 2014 Summary article/Collaborative composting

Erika: Life Cycle Issues

NEXT MEETING 10/1- Meetings held 1st Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1st Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

Ref 2 Town Day mock-up

Ref 3 Preliminary Business Survey Report