

The Reduce, Reuse, Recycle committee met on January 14th.

Present at the meeting:

Betsy Johnson
Irene Lane
Kirk Renaud
Matilde Farren
Catherine Hackett

Agenda:

- 1) Review preparations and list of questions for the planned visit to the Montgomery County Recycling Center on January 24
- 2) Since Recycling emerged as a priority from the survey conducted by the C&E Committee, discuss how this will affect our plans in 2020

Discussed:

1) Betsy has been gathering questions to ask at the January 24th tour of the Montgomery County Recycling Center. We agreed that the 19 questions would probably be too many and they should be put in priority order. We should ask for a contact person at the center to whom we could send the remaining questions if we run out of time. We have 3 people from other jurisdictions coming on the tour. We agreed that we are on a research expedition only and not involved with the Town's contract negotiations. Betsy will prioritize the list of questions to ask (probably limiting to 5 questions since we will only have one hour). Also, a summary report will be prepared for the Town Manager/Staff.

2) Since the responses to the C&E Committee's survey mentioned recycling confusion more than any other topic, we discussed how our committee could help. In the short term we would like to design and produce a sticker that could go on our recycling bins to guide us as to "dos and don'ts" for recycling. We will ask the Montgomery County Recycling Center people during our tour (see #1) if they have anything like that which we can use as a model. Irene volunteered to do a mock up.

3) For the future we discussed the possibility of doing an audit for bins prepared by some volunteers. This will be discussed further in future meetings.

4) Kirk reported that the town has sent more than 10 tons of glass to the Montgomery County Transfer Station. He also reported that the town is looking at some options (like dual stream recycling) for the future - to be discussed further in future meetings.

Betsy Johnson
Chair