

Town of Amherst Recycling and Waste Committee Minutes

March 15, 2023 – Amherst Town Hall

Start time 07:00 pm End Time 07:55 pm

Committee Member Attendees: John Szalasny, Jean Neff, Sashti Balasundaram

Excused Members: John Hannon

Committee Liaison/Resource Attendees: Michael Szukala

Guests: Eileen Torre

- No recycling or waste reports available
- Elections for Vice Chair and Secretary were delayed again until April (no quorum)
- No updates on the Plastic Utensils legislation
- No food scrap collections bin yet at the Senior Center – Eileen will research where a drop off site can be set up in the village – Jean said the Harlem Road Community Center has asked about a drop off site
- No update available from Megan on her proposal to set up a committee web page
- Contract with Sunking has not changed electronics collections program – town has stopped advertising that they will take TVs (but they still will accept flat screens)
- Brief discussion on how to publicize the change in the recycling program to include # 5 tubs – Jean suggested displays at the libraries
- Village of Williamsville's Earth Day festivities are on June 3rd

New Items

Mike had mentioned that Steve Floss will be running for Highway Supr (Pat Lucey will not be running due to term limits) – Mike offered to have Mr Floss sit in on a future board meeting

Buffalo will be starting a 1000 household curbside food scrap collection trial

Gary Carrel advised that the DEC should sign off on Erie County's compost organic management plans – starting with drop offs in 4-5 communities (not in Amherst)

John & Sashti will be presenting to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance on composting and soil health on April 19th from 1-2:30

May 7-13 is the NYS Compost Awareness Week – there will be a composting event at MLK Park in Buffalo on May 6th

JEAN WILL BE AT THE AMHERST SENIOR CENTER FOR EARTH DAY on April 21st – looking for a volunteer to help out