

Town of Amherst Recycling and Waste Committee Minutes

April 19, 2023 – Amherst Town Hall

Start time 07:00 pm End Time 08:05 pm

Committee Member Attendees: John Szalasny, Jean Neff, Don Kuhn,

Excused Members: Megan Reddish

Committee Liaison/Resource Attendees: Michael Szukala, James Lawida

Guests: Eileen Torre, Vincent Mascio, Katy Duggan, Nina Vyverberg, Thomas Frank

- Waste & recycling collections comparable to last year for February – January numbers higher and December numbers lower because Christmas snow storm delayed collections by a week
- Elections for Vice Chair and Secretary were delayed again until May (no quorum)
- No updates on the Plastic Utensils legislation
- No food scrap collections bin yet at the Senior Center – Jim said he will make sure that there are bins available for the Bassett Park Markets
- Village of Williamsville's Earth Day festivities are on June 3rd – town checking into liability waivers requested by the village
- Events by committee members included Earth Day event at Senior Center (4/21), document shredding event at Bank on Buffalo (4/29) and composting presentation for International Compost Awareness week at Audubon Library (5/4)

New Items

- Kranz is trying to back out of agreement with Town of Amherst to take town's leaves and brush
- Katy said Eco-Verde would work with the town on easing town's burden on leaf disposal
- USDA grant available for composting programs until end of June