

Town of Amherst Recycling and Waste Committee Minutes

May 17, 2023 – Amherst Town Hall

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

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

Excused Members: Diana Anderson, Judy Hendee

Committee Liaison/Resource Attendees: Michael Szukala

Guests: Eileen Torre, Katy Duggan, Thomas Frank

- Don agreed to be Vice Chair – unanimous consent
- No updates on the Plastic Utensils legislation
- No reports for Waste or Recycling
- Village of Williamsville's Earth Day festivities are on June 3rd – waiver issue was resolved by Eileen Torre
- Volunteers needed for Williamsville Farmers Market (every Saturday) and Bassett Park Market (2nd Sunday of the month)
- Food Scrap collections at Senior Center not started yet – signage will be needed to let passers by know that this is for the Compost Initiative & not a garbage can
- Jean reported on participating at Senior Center Earth Day (4/21) with Don & Vinnie as well as a document shredding event held by Bank on Buffalo (4/29)
- John reported on presenting for International Compost Awareness Week at Audubon Library (5/4)
- Working on getting the video from a Composting presentation done in December added to the Facebook page
- NEXT MEETING AT THE NORTHTOWNS CENTER (6/21/23)

New Items

- Advised that town should create a flyer/trifold with information on how to volunteer for the Town's Advisory committees and what the committees are – we can have them available for the tabling at the markets
- Another option was to add a QR code to the flyers we are handing out, linking to info on the town committees
- Suggestion to push the use of compost (up to ¼") instead of fertilizers on lawns