

Town of Amherst Recycling and Waste Committee Minutes

September 20, 2023 – Amherst Town Hall

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

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

Guests: Eileen Torre

Excused Members: Don Kuhn, John Hannon, Diana Anderson, Mike Szukala,

Committee Liaison/Resource Attendees: Jim Oliveri

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- Recycling & Waste collections up down for month from 2022 numbers
- Volunteers needed for Williamsville Farmers Market (every Saturday through end of October)
- Pumpkin drop-off at the Highway Department on November 4 from 10-1
- No updates on the Plastic Utensils legislation
- Ryan was to meet with Metro Star about pricing for Secure Sheds for additional food scrap drop off sites
- First batch of compost almost ready for use – pile has been turned regularly and finished product needs to be screened – request was made to possibly have the finished compost available as a giveaway at the pumpkin drop-off

New Items

- Presentation by Jim Oliveri on setting up new composting program in the Williamsville School District middle schools through the Home and Careers program - will start up to High School level & do pick ups 1X a week – not currently in Amherst or Sweet Home districts
- Ryan & Jim attended DEC Compost Site Operators Workshop in Buffalo
- Ryan will take us to tour the town's compost site – date TBD