

Town of Amherst Recycling and Waste Committee Minutes

October 16, 2024 – Amherst Town Hall

Start time 07:00 pm End Time 08:15 pm

Committee Member Attendees: John Szalasny, Jean Neff, Don Kuhn, Mary Fisher, Kim Ferullo, Kim Luangpakdy

Guests: Josh Wilcox

Excused Members: None

Committee Liaison/Resource Attendees: Mike Szukala

- Recycling and Waste volumes up for the year – recycling up 100 tons last quarter and solid waste up 300 tons
- No further update on the green food scrap collection containers
- Discussed final preparatory items for pumpkin drop-off – calendar listing in Bee Fall flyer – article submitted to Amherst Bee – second drop-off site behind the Village Hall verified with date and time to match the drop-off at the Highway Department
- Discussed possibilities of expanding this to a pumpkin drop or toss next year – Mike noted that the Town could probably clear a site on the Westwood golf course that is away from the construction starting on the Amherst Central Park and safe to use – proposal was forwarded to Elizabeth Graczyk at Youth & Recreation for possible partnership
- Presented portion of NYS program on Empire State Service Corps that could get the town a paid P/T coordinator for our recycling/composting education
- Committee will table at the Town/Village Holiday market – date was tentatively December 7th with the location being decided (but likely at Island Park)
- Committee members agreed to have a December 18th meeting