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Amherst Waste Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

Present: Mary Fisher, Kim Ferrulo, Don Kuhn, Kim Luangpakdy, Jean Neff, Megan Reddish
John Szalasny

Not Present: John Hannon, Judy Hendee, Diana Manus, Eustace Mendez, Josh Wilcox

I. Meeting Minutes

January meeting minutes were approved.

II. Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings will remain at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month:

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

August 20

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

No July meeting is planned.

III. Waste & Recycling Reports

John received the recycling and waste reports from Ryan and will forward them to the committee. The date for activating the compost collection sites is still unknown.

Our contract with Modern Disposal ends in 2026; an RFP for collection services is going out soon. The process can take 6-12 months.

Jean will follow up with Ryan regarding the compost soil availability.

IV. Food Scrap Collection Sites and Graphics

Megan will share an updated Food Scrap Flier.

The Farmer's Market runs from May 17 - end of October. Megan is building out an online Google sign up form for committee members to sign up for shifts at the Farmer's Markets on Main Street and Bassett Park.

We discussed ideas to promote composting at the Farmer's Market:

- Better signage- lawn stakes
- Partnership with vendors- drop off compost, receive a coupon for a discounted beverage, beer coupon at Rationales

V. Planning for Earth Day and Additional Events

Earth Day is Saturday, June 7. Volunteers will be needed for the parking lot and the table at Island Park. Sign up will be available online.

Pumpkin Dropoff Events are scheduled for Saturday, November 1. We discussed hosting a second Pumpkin Drop Off after Thanksgiving where we could also promote composting Thanksgiving scraps.

We also discussed committee member recruitment and using our tabling presence at the Farmers Market. A Google Form and QR code could be created for people to scan and sign up.

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