

## Litchfield SMART Task Force Meeting Minutes

Held on Zoom

February 10, 2021

Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Members Present: J Geci, K Zullo, D Wilson, C Liley, H Simko, L Losee

Attending: D Raap, First Selectwoman; N Boccio, Litchfield Public Works Liaison

Minutes from January 13, 2021 – correction: the Sustainable Litchfield Liaison is John Post., not James Keithan. Corrected minutes accepted unanimously.

### **RECYCLING SHED UPDATE**

N Boccio shared the statistics on the tonnage of materials collected and recycled for the first 6 months. There was a 37% increase in revenue, covering all expenses on the materials that have a cost to dispose.

### **EPOC ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

N Boccio filled out an application for grant for \$23,000 to fund toters at school and municipal lots. N Boccio has put in a request for a sandwich board to give information at the Recycling Center.

Members discussed the possibility of organizations in the community collecting composting, including at the Tapping Reeve Meadow. K Zullo will be organizing a home composting workshop with Lynn Fulkerson for the spring.

C Liley reported on a meeting with A Devaux and Dean Birdsall on the possibility of composting at the high school. C Liley noted the need to have composting on site. L Losee suggested the need for a student club to handling composting, but a teacher is needed for continuity. Wamogo does compost. C Liley and K Zullo will reach out to see how their compost program is run.

### **PUBLICIZING, EDUCATING, LEGISLATING POSSIBILITIES**

The Litchfield.bz article on composting was well received. K Zullo proposed a weekly social media post to convey information about Litchfield's SMART team initiatives and general recycling and composting news.

### **PROPOSED ANSWERS TO SECTION 9.2.1 FOR POINTS TOWARDS BRONZE LEVEL IN SUSTAINABLE CT PROGRAM**

J Geci was on a call with the Sustainable Litchfield. They will apply for the Bronze level by mid-March with the SMART committee member information and meeting schedule.

### **DISCUSSION OF IDEAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION STATEMENT**

J Geci wants statement on how we will implement the mission we set out for ourselves. D Wilson commented that it must be user friendly.

## **EARTH DAY PLANNING**

J Geci in his conversation with John Post and Dean Birdall in the Sustainable Litchfield will be organizing an Earth Day week, including daily events at the school.

Road cleanup. D Rapp suggested having home compost bin order, pickup, and information on composting. N Bocci and J Geci discussed having pallet compost bin making workshop. D Raap will look into the Aquarian Rain Barrel program. D Wilson suggested using barrels that he has at the Sewer Treatment plant for the rain barrel program.

L Losee raised the question of how to adjust the program if things are locked down.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo