

Litchfield SMART Task Force Meeting Minutes

Litchfield Public Works

August 11th, 2021

Members Present: J Geci, K Zullo, H Simko, L Loose, S Mullen, C Liley

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

Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

MINUTES

L Loose moved to accept, S Mullen seconded. All approved.

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE

N Boccio shared quarterly report and noted that some areas, such as Demo material and mattresses were up for the quarter. There was a contamination of the waste oil, possibly from using a container that previously held laundry detergent. The contamination led to a bill of approximately \$1000 to dispose of the waste oil. The Recycling Center works with Take2 to recycle household electric devices. The concrete floor patching is happening this week and the inside of the Recycling Center is closed.

SUSTAINABLE LITCHFIELD UPDATE

J Geci is working to compile the contracts the town has with compost and recycling businesses, such as Curbside Compost, Take2, Bay State Textiles for sections 9.3 and 9.4. When compiled, he will share with task force. Sustainable Litchfield is submitting for silver certification on August 23.

WEBPAGE ENHANCEMENTS

C Liley will be meeting with Liz Callahan, who updates the town website. After the meeting they will speak with Evan, the web developer. The goal is to make information about recycling easy to find on the homepage, easy to share information. After discussing changes, the plan will be shared with public for feedback and assessment of ease of use.

TRASH AND RECYCLING IN CENTER OF TOWN

D Raap and J Geci will be meeting with HDC on August 19th to propose new receptacles. J Geci shared potential receptacles. A discussion was had on the dog bag receptacles, including potential locations, cost, and if they would be part of the proposal to the HDC. 4 locations were identified – the post office, the courthouse, across from Meadow Street (the new Espresso 59 building), and the municipal lot.

FOOD WASTE SURVEY

H Simko shared the final food waste survey for restaurants in town. Suggested by D Raap, H Simko will make appointments with restaurants to distribute and conduct the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

S Mullen brought up the need for a discussion on how to encourage the production of less trash, which will be added to future agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

N Boccio reported that the food scrap permit had been returned for clarification. She will clarify and submit again.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:42

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo