

Litchfield SMART Task Force Meeting Minutes

Held at Lions Pavilion at Community Field

July 12, 2023

(Please note that a sign was posted next to the Danger sign on the Firehouse door informing any member of the public of the change of location)

Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

Members Present: J Geci, K Zullo, H Simko, C Liley, S Mullen (arrived 4:30)

MINUTES

C Liley motion to approve, H Simko second, all approve.

RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE

N Boccio is out on leave. J Geci visited Recycling Center, and it seems in good order.

REPORT ON LATEST LABA MEETING

H Simko passed out information at the last LABA meeting and talked about the composting program and new ordinance. H Simko reports that the business community received the news of the new ordinance well. The welcome bags for new residents will be filled in July and H Simko has material from the SMART Task Force to add to the bag.

TALKING WITH RESTAURANT OWNERS IN TOWN

H Simko and J Geci sent and delivered letters drafted by the SMART Task Force to town restaurants and businesses. J Geci reported that while speaking with restaurant owners, they had feedback and varying issues. S Mullen will get buckets for Petraroia Deli. Ollie's can bring unused pizza dough to the municipal compost.

C Liley suggested that the Task Force should look into finding a pickup solution. The group discussed possible ways to address, including expanding the work of the person doing the school pick up. J Geci will speak with Denise about this issue.

PROMOTION, NEWSLETTER, LETTERS, PUBLICITY

The letter the Task Force composed has gone out to businesses. The group discussed the need for both articles that inform people on the issues in addition to providing actions for solutions.

WORKSHOP, CONFERENCES, AND MEETINGS

The group discussed constructive visits, such as going to see how companies recycle or how other towns have different approaches or systems.

NEXT BIG PROJECT OR PUSH

K Zullo reiterated that finding a food scrap pick up solution to businesses composting would be impactful.

C Liley motion to adjourn 5:27, H Simko second, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo