Dover Recycling Committee

Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020, 7 p.m.
Via Zoom

Members Present: Carol Lisbon, Chris Poulsen, Wendy Muellers, Leesa Mullin, Lindsay Nie, Janit Greenwood, Savita Shukla

1. Opening
Chair Chris Poulsen opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

2. Regular Business
A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of 3/4/20 were reviewed and approved by a vote of 7-0.

B. Transfer Station Operations
   a. COVID Update: the deposit trailer, swap shop, textile bins, and book bins are closed, and container sales at the Transfer Station and Highway Garage are suspended. Cars are to park in alternate spots, users have been asked to pre-sort their recyclables at home to speed up their time at the TS, and a one-way path has been established at the cardboard container.
   b. Food scrap recycling is continuing at about 1 ton/week. Lids remain open during TS operations. New lids still needed*.
   c. Our electronic sign is being used to convey social distancing and new policy reminders. Janit to get access to insure up-to-date messaging.*

C. Communications
   a. Janit providing frequent short articles to Facebook, NextDoor, and newspapers on TS operation changes. Notices also included in Dover’s weekly email updates and COVID webpage. Newspapers have been requested NOT to use standard “filler” articles.
   b. Cancellation of 6/20 Special Recycling Weekend to be announced.*

3. New Business
A. Bullards has notified us that they will not reopen as a bulk redemption center. Committee to begin research into nearby alternative drop-off sites and pick-up options.* Lindsay Nie assuming responsibility for this area from Savita Shukla.
B. Committee to continue research on best practices for TS operations and re-opening during COVID. Carol attended a MassDEP Webinar this week and there will be a continuing program on this. Input to Dover’s COVID Task Force and Board of Health will be provided.

C. Website: the new Town website will be a major focus of committee activities as information is updated and developed. Janit and Carol have been trained; Lindsay to work on structure with consultant.*

4. **Adjournment**

At 9:15 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved 7-0.

5. **Next Meetings:** 6/2

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Lisbon

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:

- Meeting minutes of 3/4/20
- Action List 3-4-20