

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Council
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015

Members Present: Darrell Gagnon, Alison Johnson, Krishna Winston
Others present: Chantal DeArmitt, Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.

Ms. O'Rourke reported that she is working with the schools to get textile recycling programs implemented. Baystate Textiles is interested in providing collection boxes at municipal locations, including schools. They pay for textiles and schools can use the money however they choose.

The DEEP Consultant has not followed through with any of the information she said she would. Ms. O'Rourke said she would follow up with her to check the status of the program. Members felt this program would benefit Middletown immensely. The timing would be good, as there are a lot of changes coming.

Single stream recycling is expanding in the Sanitation District. Carts are being distributed the end of January to the Bretton Road area and Dora Drive. We hope this will increase recycling and reduce tip fees.

Ms. O'Rourke reported that the Earth Day Shred Event has been scheduled for Sat. April 25th. She also was planning on doing a compost bin and rain barrel sale in May.

Swap Shack Schedule

Jan. 14 Krishna
Jan. 17 Harold and Chantal
Jan. 21 Alison
Feb. 7 – Darrell

Ms. O'Rourke said Bill Russo agreed to paint the swap shack in the spring.

Members talked about the mattress recycling program due to start in the spring. We do need to work out the logistics of taking the mattresses curbside.

Ms. O'Rourke reviewed the current legislation. There was discussion about banning plastic bags and expanding the bottle bill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim O'Rourke
Middletown Recycling Coordinator