Rye Recycling Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday November 17, 2015
6:30 – 7:30 PM Rye Library
MINUTES

Attending – Joan Provencher, John Provencher, Deidre Smyrnos
Guests – Emma, Margo and Michael – all 7th grade students (Mr. Waters)

Student (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Poster Contest –
Had over 80 entries from 1st-5th grade students.
Results were tallied prior to the meeting – distribution of prizes was determined.
Awards Ceremony will be at 1:55PM on Tuesday, 11/24 - at the Elementary school - 2 awards per grade.

Ask Janice or Beth Yeaton if we can display the winning posters in the Town Hall Lobby for a short time.

Signage - Improved signage at the Transfer Station

Discussed there is probably little point in investing in new signage until new siding or paint is complete.
Have asked Dennis if there are plans/funds to finish the siding project on the remainder of “Recycle Row.”

It has been suggested that the new sign “FAILURE TO RECYCLE…” may be counter-productive and that a more positive sign might serve our center better - such as “Recycling saves us money and resources, If not you then who?”

Sign-maker who provides the Town of Kittery with more elaborate custom signs suggests that from what he saw of our recycling center in photos that a) there are already too many signs, and b.) that the different recycling-stream sings should simply be lowered and centered (and a contrasting color from the building).
This person would be happy to work with us to create smart signs that standout (and which can be modified) but suggests investing in improving the appearance of the buildings should come first.

Are there plans to completely redo these buildings in the near future? If so maybe the new signage should just wait until then. We have asked if there are plans to either repaint or reside the remaining green portion of “Recycle-Row” this spring.

Public Works Department Equipment & Vehicles
The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Town’s roads, public spaces, and transfer center. Further, the Town Meeting authorized $50,000 for the preparation of a Public Works Master Plan which is intended to result in a 20 year improvements plan for the Public Works site. It is anticipated the plan will address a new salt shed, vehicle wash facility, additional vehicle equipment and materials storage, updated vehicle fueling facility, and improvements to the transfer station, to name but a few. This study is on-going.

Other business -
Joan is still pursuing system to get more items from Swap Shop (prior to it being sent to compactor) into area thrift shops.

Joan also shared with us some ideas with UNH’s PLAN (a zero waste program) which we can look at more at a later meeting. www.postlndfill.org.

This committee still has a vacancy for one more member.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM Next meeting: Monday Dec. 7, 3PM, Rye Junior High cafeteria
ds (remind Ryan/Mr. Fox to attend above mtg. if possible)