

## Rye Recycling Education Committee

4/18/23

Rye Public Library

6:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Alex H, Joan P, Cynthia B, Terri, M, Pam H

### Action Items

- **Pam-** revise and repost Steven's recycling video
  - **Pam-** write up notes from the Turnkey Landfill trip
  - **Joan-** research where foam pellets can be recycled
  - **Committee-** rules for Recycling contest- write up and share
  - **Committee (Alex/Joan)-** research 10 town initiative
  - **Alex-** add the Recycling video to the Civic News Newsletter
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### Meeting Notes

- Field Trip to Turnkey Landfill
  - Trip occurred on 4/13- Pam and Cynthia attended along with seniors from town
  - What do we want to do with the information that we learned? Video uploaded to Youtube with private link shared to the group. Pam will write up the notes and share with the committee
- Transfer Station Updates
  - New baler for aluminum- will save us money in insurance and hauling costs! Also we will get more in income for baled aluminum!
  - 3 Paper mills closing, only three left that will take paper for now...(some may open in the future)- why is this bad? We may have to dump our paper in the trash compacter instead of recycling it
    - Currently we pay \$35 a ton to recycle, \$86 a ton in the trash
- Foam partnership email from Tom King
  - Pam met with Rick from transfer station- the initiative does not make financial sense for Rye. Fuel costs would be too high to drive to Gilford. Also no space to store foam at Rye
  - Joan will research where foam pellets can be recycled- Parcel room accepted them at one point
- 10 Town Initiative- committee will research this- Alex or Joan
- Swap Shop Updates
  - Alex meeting with Transfer Station Attendants to repair holes to keep birds out
  - Overall swap shop looking great
  - Any gently used suitcases, put aside for foster care children
- RREC Prize money
  - Request from Pam- can we purchase Common Roots Gift Cards for Contests
    - Recycling Contest Prizes- best recycling practices
    - Best way to upcycle
  - **Committee voted unanimously! Purchase gift cards from Common Roots!**
  - Committee to work on contest rules over next few weeks
- Home Recycling Video
  - Pam went to Steven's house and recorded video of recycling- currently on private link on youtube- Pam will revise and repost
- Adjournment
  - Next Meeting May 16th at Rye Library 6:30 pm