

Recycling Task Force [L] [SEP]

Monday December 1, 2017 [L] [SEP]

9:00 a.m. [L] [SEP] Town Hall [L] [SEP]

Draft Minutes

1. Members Present: L. Robertson, Chris Stroeck, Liz McGowen and Shane Broadwater.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by L. Robertson.

2. Approval of Minutes:

L. McGowen - If there are no objections, move to approve the minutes. No objections.

3. Visitors: None

3a. Visitor's Comments - are logged in where applicable.

4. Prep for Public Forum to be held Monday, December 4th, 6:30pm at Town Hall:

It was suggested that an opening statement be composed for the meeting outlining the mission of the task force, the reasons for the proposed ban on the specific packaging materials, and that everyone wishing to speak come to the podium-state their name, and will

have 3 minutes to speak. A member of the task force will keep time.

5. Review Feedback received to date:

C. Stroech – went back over the survey, and handed out copies of the stats from Public Works. The stats from Apple Valley had been emailed to the task force.

The overall feel from the feedback was positive as long as there is an alternative to the products the task force is looking at.

C. Stroech noted that there might be a possible drop off box at retail stores for reusable, cloth bags. Need to research more.

6. Misc. – C. Stroech – noted that for several years there has been a perception that the corporation doesn't actually recycle. Several months ago a video was presented to him showing public works what looks like trash and recycling being placed in the same truck at the same time. C. Stroech, L. Robertson, Frank Welch – Public Works Director, and the Mayor recently sat down, and together viewed the video. F. Welch felt the cardboard that was being added to the truck with the trash was waxed cardboard, which cannot be recycled.

F. Welch is also aware of the perception, and has addressed this issue with his employees. C. Stroech and L. Robertson have requested and received the stats showing that there is a reduction in tonnage to the recycling center that is consistent with the elimination of glass recycling. Also noted, was that the recycling truck is being used to collect recycling and also trash on different days due to the town being down a truck.

L. Robertson – we need a chairperson for the task force. C. Stroech agreed to do it.

L. Robertson- if there are no objections, move to recommend C. Stroech as Chair of the Recycling Task Force. None noted.

* The next RTF meeting is December 15 at Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.

L. Robertson – if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 9:31 a.m. No objections noted. Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Robertson.