

SHEPHERDSTOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE (Ad Hoc)

MINUTES – June 15, 2023, 9:00am – Town Hall

\*CALL TO ORDER: 9am – Chris Stroech (CS), Jim Auxer (JA), Lori Robertson (LR);  
Staff – Frank Welch (FW), Stephanie Grove (SG)

\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

\*VISITORS: Jim King (JK), Leah Rampy (LR)

\*OLD BUSINESS:

A. Shepherdstown Sustainable Act – update:

CS reported that a state statute enacted after the SSA was passed renders it null and void per counsel. Upon review of the subject statute, it is clear that the town cannot enforce the SSA.

CS to draft a resolution that can be presented to Council encouraging town businesses and outskirt businesses to comply with the SSA.

SG to research whether home rule program would permit a waiver of the state statute.

Other ideas include a reusable bag program with drop-off locations in town, disposal bins for plastic bags, acknowledge / incentive programs for businesses who voluntarily comply with the SSA, grants for reusable bags, styrofoam recycling programs.

LR to contact food lion re disposal bins for plastic bags.

Shepherdstown Shares could be a partner.

\*NEW BUSINESS

A. New committee member(s):

CS made a motion to approve JK and LR as committee members, seconded by LR, passed.

B. Glass recycling program review:

CS advised that the committee has been charged with reviewing the glass recycling program due to increased costs, illegal dumping and wear on town equipment.

FW reported that glass recycling is booming, with restaurants producing the most. Since we are the only Town in Jeff Co with a glass recycling program, illegal dumping has also increased.

Ideas were discussed as follows-

LR suggested that we remove glass recycling option from town public receptables.

SG / CS to examine illegal dumping ordinance again.

Can town install one glass recycling drop off location?

Glass crusher – JK reported on machine and grant opportunities.

CS to circulate info to committee.

Committee might consider a field trip to Winchester to observe its glass crusher.

Committee believes that this is a county-wide issue.

As such, would county consider getting a glass crusher at one of its locations?

Mayor to gauge interest at Mayor's meetings.

Should businesses pay extra for their extra glass recycling?

Committee decided not to apply for the Real Grant this year for either a glass crusher or new truck, due to readiness and limitations on applying in the future.

Committee to consider all options.

\*ADJOURN: LR motion to adjourn around 10:20am, second by CS, approved.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21, 2023, AT 9:00AM.**

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