

SHEPHERDSTOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES – July 21, 2023, 9:00am – Town Hall

*CALL TO ORDER: 9am – Chris Stroeck (CS), Jim Auxer (JA), Jim King (JK), Leah Rampy (LR); Staff – Frank Welch (FW), Stephanie Grove (SG)

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 15, 2023 – JA motioned, JK seconded, approved.

*VISITORS: Bob Anderson (Ranson), Sheriff Tom Hansen, Mayor Steve Paradis (Bolivar), Pat Morse (Harpers Ferry), Steven Pearson (Observer), Peter Vila (JC Solid Waste Authority, Jane Tabb (County Commission)

*OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Shepherdstown Sustainable Act – CS to draft resolution that can be presented to Council encouraging town businesses and outskirt businesses to comply with the SSA.

*NEW BUSINESS

- B. Glass recycling program review – On-going

- C. Glass Crusher –

JK provided a summary of the glass crusher initiative, to include a description of the equipment and process. He also discussed available grant funding. Varying uses for the final product (sand) include utilities, parks and rec, landscaping and construction.

Discussion ensued regarding a crusher for county-wide use. Questions were raised as follows: 1) Is there space at the transfer station; 2) Resources to fund staff?; 3) Pick up or drop off locations?; 4) Use of final product (sand)?; 5) Crusher size and cost?

All agreed that a field trip to Winchester to observe its crusher would be helpful.

Funding options were also discussed. They include the REAP Grant and Appalachian Stewardship Foundation. Some matching funds will be required. County-wide cooperation may result in increased funding opportunities.

Question raised regarding current glass transportation costs. Shepherdstown is only municipality that currently picks up glass. Cost averages \$12,000.00 / year. As opposed to pick-ups, several drop-off locations can be established throughout the county.

Question raised if JCDA can fund a private entity to recycle glass. JK responded that state laws essentially prohibit private individuals or companies from hauling waste.

Peter Vila advised that he believes there is space at the county transfer station. The county currently processes 13 tons of glass per month. He thinks this amount will double with crusher and drop-off locations. He thinks labor required for 1-2 days per week to operate crusher. Storing the sand could be an issue.

General agreement to gather information and continue discussion.

*ADJOURN: JA motion to adjourn, second by JK, approved.

NEXT MEETING NOT YET SCHEDULED.