

Recycling Committee Minutes
March 13, 2013 4:00-5:00 PM
Public Works Department

Attending: Naomi Boccio, Denise Rapp, Lee Loslee, David Wilson, Debra Cahill

Minutes:

1. Minutes from February meeting approved.
2. It was discussed that the Big Belly compactors would save the town money as it would not need to be emptied as often as the current trash bins in town (by the post office, courthouse, and Murphy's) and Community Field. Each Big Belly costs \$4500 but it could be funded by advertising or by grants within town. They currently save Boston \$3.5 million per year in pick up costs. They are all over historic Boston. This would still need to do before the Historic District Commission for approval.
3. Discussion of letter to Mark Greenburg about the lack of recycling: Naomi is checking to see if it made a difference.
4. It is noted that Westport has a plastic bag ban.
5. Earth Day will be Saturday April 27. John Wages is coming in on Monday to discuss this with Naomi.
6. Discussion of lack of recycling in schools. Not enough blue bins were donated to give to the schools.
7. Discussion of recycling containers for events on the green (i.e. LHRR) If an event uses recycling bags, it will create less garbage. David Wilson brought in a quote on a foldable product that could be purchased by the event holder to recycle. Recycling then could be placed in a public works truck until Monday when the recycling center opens.
8. Discussion of cups from races and walks could be recycled instead of trashed.