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Draft April 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town Representatives Present: Nick Zaiac (Arlington), Nancy Bushika (Stamford), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Leslie Perra (Manchester), Stu Hurd (Bennington), Chris Reynolds (Searsburg)

BCRC and BCSWA Staff: Scott Grimm-Lyon, Paula Kamperman

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve by Stu Hurd, seconded by Nick Zaiac. Passed unanimously.
2. **Introductions/Personnel Update:**
 - a. Scott Grimm-Lyon introduced himself as the new Solid Waste Program Manager.
3. **Household Hazardous Waste Events:**
 - a. Grimm-Lyon reviewed the plans to hold three events in calendar year 2022. The first event is on May 7th in Bennington, the second July 23rd in Readsboro, and the September 17th in Dorset. Information on outreach efforts including advertising schedules, flyers and additional details were shared.
 - b. BCSWA is seeking ways for the waste disposal vendor; US Ecology to accommodate a request by SVSU to dispose of 800 gallons of hand sanitizer that has expired, SVSU will pay for the cost of disposal themselves.
 - c. To save staff and volunteer time no batteries are to be collected this year, and also no florescent bulbs.
 - d. Dixie Zens and Stu Herd volunteered to assist on site at the Bennington Event. Nancy Bushika volunteered to assist with the Readsboro event.
4. **Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility:**
 - a. On Feb. 23rd BCRC issued an RFP to design/build a new HHW facility to local engineering firms and a list of consultants given by the state. Responses were expected by March 23rd but BCRC received little Interest in the project.
 - b. BCRC performed special outreach and/or tours for MSK Engineering (Bennington), D&B Engineering (Albany NY) and Dufreenes group (Manchester) however local firms reported little to no interest in the project as they all believed they would have to hire an outside specialist to sign off on HHW storage, and the project would quickly expand outside of the scope of the budget.
 - c. Grimm-Lyon reported that BCSWA plans to shift the project scope from refabricating an existing building to installing a prefabricated trailer unit that will come prepared with fire suppression and other required elements. Hurd offered

the assistance of the Bennington Town DPW to pour a concrete pad, and prepare the site for the delivery of a prefabricated trailer.

5. Compost Bin Sales:

- a. 75 Green Cones and 72 compost bins were ordered by BCSWA to be sold for the annual sale. Sales are intended to be conducted purely through PayPal this year, with an online store currently being developed by our website vendor, and an option for Paula Kamperman to sell using a POS system at farmers markets and fairs through the summer.
- b. Dixie Zens agreed to receive delivery of the stock and host pickup dates on June 11th, 13th, and 15th at the Abacus Automation loading dock.

6. Asphalt Shingles Collection Grant:

- a. Grimm Lyon reported that ANR recently announced that state rules requiring transfer stations to provide a space to collect asphalt shingles have been delayed for a period of no less than two years. Grimm-Lyon spoke with Dale Baler of Casella who said that when the state requirement to install a collection area kicked in Casella would install one at the Bennington Transfer Station at their own expense. Based on this; the up to \$10,000 in matching funds offered by the state to BCSWA to install a concrete pad and purchase a container may not be necessary.
- b. Stu Hurd made a motion to decline the Asphalt Shingles Collection grant, seconded by Nancy Bushika and unanimously approved.

7. Public Collection containers and food scraps

- a. Paula Kamperman went over best practices for towns to use in waste sorting in public spaces and at public events. She reminded the towns that she is available to assist in the planning of any event to make sure they are compliant with state rules related to collection of food scraps and sorting of waste.

8. Northshire recycling sticker fee overcharge:

- a. Grimm-Lyon recently looked into a series of claims from the public that the ISWAP facilities were being charged \$20 for a use sticker instead of the \$15 agreed to in the contract with Casella. The contract outlines that Casella has the right to charge \$5 on their own as an administrative fee and they have been exercising that right. Grimm-Lyon agreed to update the BCSWA website so the exact cost of the sticker was clear to the public.
- b. \$15 from each of the ISWAP sticker fees are expected to be returned to BCRC who will credit the towns on their monthly ISWAP invoices.

9. Possible Polystyrene Program:

- a. BCSWA was approached by the South Windsor/Windham Counties SWMD and asked if we wanted to participate in a pilot program to collect Polystyrene with the assistance of the southern VT and NH Rotary. After a brief discussion, BCSWA board members came to a consensus that we should not participate in the program at this time.

10. Public Comments:

None

11. Next Meeting:

June 1st at 4PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stu Hurd, seconded by Tom Shuey and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.