

Mid-Maine Sustainability Coalition
Waste Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2009
5:15PM

Members Present: Sally Harwood, Elery Keene, Blanche Davidson, Eric Brown, Ross Nason, Tom Longstaff, Bob Gilchrist, Greg Brown, Jamie Nemecek, Andrew Young

Report on Communication with Collection Agencies

Bob tried to get in contact with Skills Inc., but has not heard back. Andrew has been trying to contact them as well. Both Andrew and Bob will try to talk to someone, and will stay in contact with each other. Central Maine Disposal opened a recycling sector for the Fairfield community. Bob will try to contact the head of this company as well to have them attend a committee meeting. Greg Brown knows of an efficient, environmentally friendly collection agency in Westbrook and he will try to contact them to see if they are still interested in expanding up here.

Report on Educational Programming

Tom talked to David Gulak at Barrels Community Market and they are enthusiastic and willing to allow the committee to use the space for education programs. The space downstairs is not quite ready, but will be soon. Blanche agreed to organize the program about composting. It will be advertised through the Coalition, Barrels, and Waterville Main St. Andrew and other interns agreed to make a handout for those who come to the program. Next step would be to discuss time and dates.

Blanche purchased two DVD copies of *The Story of Stuff*. Would like to show it to public and host discussion afterwards, possibly at Barrels. An idea would be to run it on Channel 7/9, along with a slide about MMSC.

Next step would be to connect with the Education committee about working together on the educational program, should contact Linda Woods, Eric Brown, and Jamie Nemecek.

Report on Electronic and Hazardous Waste Recycling

Andrew compiled a list of recycling in the area. He will look into what happens to the items once the company collects them. He will also publish a newspaper article to ask for more information about recycling services that companies offer. Would like to make brochures with the information, and have these made available to the public through Barrels, public libraries, post office, etc. Andrew will work on the best way to present this information. Money for brochures needs to be discussed.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is October 17 at the Waterville Airport. Should be advertised more, and Bob will check on getting another banner.

Publicity for Group

Eric would like to set up tables outside supermarkets, etc. and present information on the Coalition and what it has accomplished to the public. Could work with high schools, and Colby for volunteers. Will work with the Education committee to get something started for the whole Coalition.

Future meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 5:15 pm. Location TBD.