

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2014

Members Present: Monica Belyea, Alison Johnson, Jennifer Weymouth
Others Present: Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. O'Rourke reported that they completed the school assessment on the waste audits. Thank you to everyone who helped. The report is attached. This information will be used to determine if money can be saved by composting and how much material would be composted.

Ms. O'Rourke said a process has been set up for people who leave their garbage carts and recycling bins at the curb on a regular basis. Violators will receive an orange notice on their container and a letter. If it continues to be left out, they will receive a phone call. Then it will be referred to City Attorney's.

The State has held a stewardship stakeholder meeting on carpet in May and is holding another for batteries in June. These items will be moving forward for product stewardship action.

Project Green Lawn held an event on June 2nd at the library. Matt Carroll from Jessica's Garden spoke about how to do organic lawn care. Unfortunately it was not well attended, but it was an informative program. PGL is also sending a spring alert flyer through the schools. It will have a link to a survey for residents to participate in. There is also some concern by the PGL folks regarding the PWC discussions on synthetic turf. They feel there are health concerns with using synthetic turf and they should be considered if the City is looking to go that route.

Swap Shack Schedule:

Alison 6/14

Jennifer 6/18

Monica 6/25

Kim will send an email to the rest of the committee.

Ms O'Rourke said the single stream/unit based pilot is moving forward for Aug 1 in the Sanitation District. It will be done on Jacobs Terrace and Chimney Hill Road. We might use the July meeting as a working meeting to go door knocking to residents about the pilot. The plan its to weigh the garbage and recycling coming out of the neighborhood now (before the pilot) then weigh it again during the pilot to see what the change is. The pilot will run for at least six months. If it is successful, the City will consider using the new Closed Loop Fund to purchase new carts for the program.

The Distribution for the compost bins and rain barrels will be Saturday June 14 from 9 – 11am at the Recycling Center.

In new business Ms. O'Rourke said she was working with the Water Dept. who is interested in researching the possibility of hosting their own facility for household hazardous waste.

Members decided to keep the July meeting, but possibility use it as a working meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Rourke
Recycling Coordinator