

Natick Recycling Committee

Minutes of Monday, June 27, 7pm, DPW, 75 West Street, Natick, MA

The meeting was called to order by Terry Miller, at 7:05 PM

Present members: Scott Davis, Jack Gaziano, Brinley Vickers

Absent members: Ed Arthur, Paul Lucot,

Present: Tom Hladick, DPW

1. DPW update –
 - Food waste pickup is going well.
 - Mattress recycling: first container has been shipped out. The company picks it up when it is full.
 - Bulk waster is very busy with over 100 stops per week.
 - Cardboard compactor should be running in a couple of weeks. It will hold 4 times the current capacity.
2. The committee discussed the dissolution of the Recycling Committee. Our committee feels that it has met its goals, per our mission statement. We believe that the Natick Recycling Committee is no longer relevant as a stand-alone committee and should be reconstituted as part of a broader initiative. Going forward, the Town needs to think of recycling as a component of its broader sustainability efforts. A future Sustainability Committee would have a more comprehensive scope that might consider incorporating certain aspects of the Recycling Committee's mission as part of its own mission, which will help to have Natick continue to be a thought-leader with its broadminded programs.

With that in mind, the Recycling Committee has unanimously voted on the following motion:

Motion: To make a recommendation to the Natick Board of Selectmen to dissolve the Natick Recycling Committee, effective immediately.

3. Members Concerns: Jack Gaziano presented a poem that he wrote for Terry Miller in appreciation for her work on the committee. Many thanks all around for a job well done. On a personal note, Terry thanked the committee and Tom Hladick for all their work and efforts.

Adjourned at 7:36 pm

SUBMITTED BY Terry Miller, Chair