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New London Waste Reduction Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday, February 16, 2023 10:00am Syd Crook

Agenda

Call to order

Review and accept 2/2/23 Meeting Minutes

1. Review and discuss Warrant Article on compost if needed
2. Maureen will update compost trial and website work if any change
3. Joy and Diane Chadwick in the Intertown
4. **EDUCATION OUTREACH:**
 - Decision about joining the CHICKS with Dr. Friedlander on Earth Day at Windy Hill
 - **Earth Day Program**, April 22 at Tracy Library. decide on time. Two speakers agreed to come to the program. How to publicize it. Any other ideas from Maureen and all.

Joy will report on purchasing bags to be used in the Transfer Station. (What does DPW think of this program?) **Jerry has information about Rotary's grant support for Gilford's densifier and taking Styrofoam to the facility**
 - **Gerry Gold looking for suggestions about collecting data on trash/recycle cost** following on Hopkinton's work. Also do we need to have volunteers not on the committee to help with some of the tasks on data, swap shop,
 - Any Change of Status of NRAA and NHDES grants and others discussed by Jerry, NE Grassroots Environmental fund, NRAA Recycle Right Campaign, NH The Beautiful. "The New England Grassroots Environmental Fund allows municipal committees and local groups (ad-hoc or non-profit) to apply for their Seed & Grow grants. This could be particularly helpful for town waste/sustainability committees looking to run pilot programs or education campaigns." <https://grassrootsfund.org/grant-programs>
 - NRRA recently created a Grant Opportunities page on their website, and they'll be adding this one to it. <https://www.nrrarecycles.org/grant-opportunities>
5. **Maureen will bring her Home composting food recycler (mini pig)** produces, the sales pitch says, dry, odor-free fine chopped compost easily stored over winter. At \$350/ea not likely to be a universal food waste problem solver, but it's part of the story. Chomps chicken bones, not beef or pork bones.
 - Q: Is this a home version of how Renewal Compost processes its collections? One leading example: Vitamix 068051 FoodCycler FC-50, 2L Capacity \$349. <https://www.amazon.com/food-recycler/s?k=food+recycler>

- [As with other forms of home composting, removes from the waste stream before on site and never reaches the Transfer Station.](#)
- Status of handouts for the transfer station and auto registration

6. Signs - Liz

Note: February 12th Concord Monitor has an article about how the State Solid Waste Bureau is underfunded and not enough personnel to do adequate inspections of landfills and transfer stations.

7. Next Meeting Date to be decided.

8. Motion to adjourn