

**New London Waste Reduction Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

**Call to order:** Chairman Liz Meller called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Liz Meller, Maureen Prohl, Jerry Coogan, Gerry Gold

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joy Kubit

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chris McKee, New London resident.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes for meeting of March 30, 2023, were unanimously approved.

Chris McKee was introduced. She is attending with interest in the Committee mission and possible membership. Liz has spoken with another person interested in membership.

**PROJECTS:**

**Earth Day event, April 22nd at Tracy Memorial Library:** After brief discussion, the Committee decided that no rain date will be mentioned for the planned outdoor demonstration of home composting methods.

Public awareness for Earth Day event: Liz Meller purchased a large sign to be placed on a new sandwich-board which she will move around town, starting with the Chamber of Commerce information booth on Main Street. She will also post notices on bulletin boards around town. An advertisement ran in this week's Kearsarge Shopper, and the event was included twice in the InterTown Record, as news and in the New London Neighbors column.

Reviewing the Earth Day agenda and speakers: composting demonstrations in the library garden will include use of compost bins, vermiculture, garden compost piles, "tumblers," and kitchen counter-top machines. Olivia at UVLSRPC is preparing a handout on compost choices for New London residents.

Assignments for tasks in library conference room: Meeting will be conducted by Jerry Coogan, as incoming chairman of the committee. He will also welcome attendees and hand out raffle tickets.

Raffle gifts are all compost tools, some donated by UVLSRPC. Raffle numbers will be picked at the end of the meeting. Liz is in charge of organizing coffee and refreshments.

Prepare Library conference room: Liz checked with Library staff re schedule for room preparations. That time will be Friday April 21st at 4:30PM

**Waste reduction among New London residential associations:** WRC's Earth Day event is the first use of the communications network the WRC has recently set up with leaders at six condominium and homeowner associations in New London. Comments on Gerry's draft letter and PDF poster resulted in several modifications. Liz noted that Hilltop's Board chairperson, Pat Rogers, was positive about this approach as long as it was a Town function clearly of interest to residents at Hilltop. Gerry will send emails to the six associations already contacted.

It was agreed that following the Earth Day event, the Committee should focus on the expansion to 160 households of the Town's food waste collection at the Transfer Station. With that project being a June 2023 priority and commencing in July, the next meeting could wait until late May.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Next Waste Reduction Committee meeting is scheduled for May 25 (5/25/23) Thursday at 10:00AM at Town Offices Syd Crook meeting room.

**Motion to adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Respectfully submitted by Gerard Gold

Town of New London