

SHERBORN RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting agenda for the 406th Meeting of the Committee

Thursday, January 15, 2025, 6:30pm

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/wjo-airj-hkg

1. Meeting call to order, introductions as needed. Volunteer for minutes.
 2. Establishment of quorum, approval of agenda for the current meeting and minutes of our November 20 and December 18, 2025 meetings.
 3. Special thanks to:
 - David for taking meeting notes and for welcome new resident mailings
 - Emily for minding the website
 - Addie Mae Weiss for her administrative help
 - Ruane and Father staff for their recycling assistance
 - DPW crews for their attention.
 - Our sign planning subcommittee
 4. Budget Discussion: No further discussion of proposal to place the Recycling Committee budget into the DPW budget as a Transfer Station item. Further consideration of this concept
 5. Sustainability – Amelia Landau –
 - a. Discussion of DEP Environmentally Preferred Products policy details and preferred draft. Charlie will finalize a draft for consideration by Administrator and Select Board.
 - b. Amelia to report Progress on sustainability recycling-related tasks to increase DEP grant point totals.
 - c. Annual survey report and grant fund tracking report will be due to state DEP by 2/15
 6. Household Hazardous Waste Event –
 - a. Alternative consortium concept: DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Missy Hollenback is proposing a broader Southeast community coalition (with her at the helm) to help munis save on HHW costs. We are awaiting a second draft of a proposed modified reciprocal contract (promised on December 5) for final review. Details are still in flux. Verbal approval to Missy Hollenback by January 9.
 - b. DPW Director is questioning the economics of consortium membership, based on limited use by Sherborn residents – may withdraw Sherborn from the alternative consortium if determined feasible.
 7. Update on Transfer Station signs -subcommittee report and discussion of DPW line painting ideas
 - 8.. Town Web Page update – time for 2026 holiday updates; other? Should we include translations? If so, what languages?
 9. Workload – Addie Mae Weiss continues as our administrative manager under the DPW banner.
 - a. Transfer Station volunteer workload – Charlie T. to outline current practices for management evaluation
 10. Outreach ideas – “Welcome Wagon” packages for new residents; library fair; other venues? Committee membership recruitment.
 11. Recycling notes for information
 - a. Fluorescent bulbs – Annual pickup 1/7 – not yet invoiced, but cost will be largely reimbursed by WIN
 - b. Freon Removal – 21 units drained on 12/30; 8 units accumulated since then
 - c. Food Waste - Black Earth – still at \$15.00 per container; 37 48-gallon totes collected in Nov/Dec billing
 - d. Tires – Bob’s Tires picked up 44 tires at a total cost of \$39.75 including fuel and loading labor
 - e. Scrap metal – price still at \$90 per GT as light iron – Latest payment 3.84 GT - \$345.54 for 12/04 load
 - f. Textiles – Regular payments from Bay State (Neither Red Cross nor More Than Words textiles are paid)
 - g. Mattresses – UTEC made a large pickup of 52 units on 10/22, about 28 accumulated since then.
 - h. Swap Shop – Main Barn now closed for season; DPW summer equipment space has been cleared, and DPW equipment is now in the space. Sorting and discarding of some items ongoing. Main Barn to open on or about Wed. April 1, 2026.
 12. Other items for discussion
 13. **Adjourn**
- CALENDAR: 2nd or 3rd Thursday of month at 6:30 PM (possibly by e-meeting until June 30, 2027) –Tentative meeting dates in 2026: Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 7, Jun 18, Jul 16, **Aug-off**, Sep 10, Nov 19, Dec 10.