SHERBORN RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 318th Meeting of the Committee
Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2016; Sherborn Town Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM. In attendance were members Carol Rubenstein, Andrea Brennan, Chelle Subber, Charles Tyler, Anne MacDonough, Karl Ludvig, Diane Hanson and ex-officio member Ron Buckler. Also attending were Wendy Mechaber and Amy van Langen, who are currently Associate Members.

2. The October minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Thank you’s were issued to:
   - Karl for doing October’s minutes
   - Diane for creating this month’s spreadsheet
   - Andrea and Charlie for their continuing attention to the Styrofoam
   - Charlie for his continuing attention to the fluorescent bulbs, the rechargeable batteries, the metal parts on the toilets and sinks and EVERYTHING else at the TS!
   - Andrea for her continuing work on the welcome bin program
   - Amy for working on a flyer for Reducing Food Waste
   - Ruane and Father for picking up the food scraps at Pine Hill School
   - Ruane and Father for installing the new hand sanitizer dispenser at the food scrap area
   - Carol for doing *everything* else!

4. Planning for Budget Requests for FY18. Carol noted that we can plan what we want to ask for and then just plug in the numbers when we get the new spreadsheet from the Town Accountant. It was decided to purchase welcome bins made using recycled materials from DEP grant funds. This money plus more would be needed to add to the Materials & Supplies line for bags to hold the Styrofoam. For the welcome bins the vendor would charge a premium ($11.57 each) to order only 100 bins and then in addition we would have needed to pay for the hot stamp set up ($250) for a total of $1407.50. We will need to work more on this at the next recycling meeting. Hopefully we will be able to get accounting of actual FY16 expenditures next month.

5. Warrant Articles. The Committee discussed whether to file a warrant article to change Town rules so that Annual Town Report postcard reminders would no longer be sent by the Town. Not sending the postcards would save money and paper. However the Committee decided not to sponsor such an article.

6. Food Waste Drop-off Program. Carol noted the possibility of applying for Technical Assistance Grant from DEP. Our DEP rep, Kathi Mirza will talk with Amy. Applications are due Nov. 22. The first focus would be assistance in increasing our food collection. Another possibility might be initiating a survey on Town residents’ attitudes toward recycling. Another possibility would be to ask her thoughts about the broad question of what the next step should be to increasing our recycling/reuse. ALSO, at Carol’s request Amy has revised a flyer from NERC about wasted food with the idea of putting it online on NextDoor and on our website.

7. Sticker and Rules Enforcement. Carol has asked the Selectmen’s Office whether stickers would be available at the beginning of the new year, and whether we would be able to hand them out at the TS. However there has not yet been a response.

8. Update on Hauler’s permit process. Carol noted that the template has not yet been finalized. If it isn’t ready for submission to the BOS before Carol resigns, the new co-Chairs will need to finish up.

9. Mattress Collection. Carol noted that we accomplished a second collection of mattresses after the snafu earlier in October. The UTEC sales rep was very apologetic about the problems and worked hard to resolve. Ron should send numbers tallying mattresses collected to Diane at sherbornrecycling@gmail.com after each pickup.

10. Swap Shop. There are no leftovers – everything is clear now.

11. Styrofoam Collection & Hauling. VOTE: The Committee voted by unanimous consent to approve the $105.50 purchase of 100 plastic bags for Styrofoam.

12. Reorganization. Carol noted that Amy has been sworn in as an Associate. Wendy and Charlie have agreed to take on the duties of Co-Chairing this Committee. Carol’s vacancy must be advertised for 30 days before Wendy can be appointed. Carol will see whether they can start advertising before she resigns.

13. New Printing Company. Carol noted that the Town has recently been printing banners with Dick Smith Red Star Press at Bacson Blueprint on Western Avenue. We may want to investigate them when we next need a banner.

14. Compostable Bags. VOTE: The Committee voted unanimously to spend up to $64 on compostable bags to give away at the food scrap collection station.

15. The Committee reconvened at the Heritage to salute Carol before her retirement.

Transfer Station issues:
1. Scrap Metal Prices: In the summer of 2008 at the height of the market we were paid $250/gt. We reached a new low price in early October 2015 when we were paid $20/gt. In October 2016 we were paid $40/gt.

2. Tonnage Report:
### a) TRASH:
In Oct there were 11 trips of trash to Millbury. In Sept there were 10 trips of trash to Millbury. Tonnage for trash went up by 3.31 tons from September to October.

### b) PAPER:
In Oct EL Harvey accepted 5 loads of paper. In Sept EL Harvey accepted 6 deliveries. Paper tonnage from September to October went down by 4.55 tons.

### c) COMMINGLED:
In Oct ELH accepted 3 loads of commingled. In Sept they accepted 3 loads. From September to October commingled tonnage went up by 2.9 tons.

### d) Computed Rates:

1. **New Recycling Rate for the town in FY17 is 35.0%**. That is UP from June 2016 when the Recycling Rate for the FY16 was 34%. Also UP from last month when it was 34.8%.

2. **Average monthly trash tonnage for the town for FY17 is 117.2 tons**, in August it was 116.6 tons.

3. **Average MSW per household** is now 162.96 lb./month, up from 155.5 lb./month of September.

4. **Average trash per person** is 53.39 lb./month, up from September when it was 51.8 lb./month.

5. **Average recycling per person** is 29.66 lb./month, down from last month when it was 30.75 lb./month of Aug.

### CALENDAR

### TONNAGE REPORT, INCLUDING AVERAGES FROM YEARS 1999 THROUGH FY2016

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**FISCAL YEAR 2017 Average**

- **2017 vs 2016**: -3.86 vs -0.86
- **% Change**: -3.19 vs -2.32

**Fiscal 2017 Avg**

- **Fiscal 2017 Avg**: 117.16 vs 36.20
- **Fiscal 2016 Avg**: 121.02 vs 37.05
- **Fiscal 2015 Avg**: 115.95 vs 37.53
- **Fiscal 2014 Avg**: 122.34 vs 38.30
- **Fiscal 2013 Avg**: 123.86 vs 36.61
- **Fiscal 2012 Avg**: 137.18 vs 39.02
- **Fiscal 2011 Avg**: 135.81 vs 40.79
- **Fiscal 2010 Avg**: 139.95 vs 42.56
- **Fiscal 2009 Avg**: 136.42 vs 45.86
- **Fiscal 2008 Avg**: 145.23 vs 50.57
- **Fiscal 2007 Avg**: 152.07 vs 53.28
- **Fiscal 2006 Avg**: 159.09 vs 52.07
- **Fiscal 2005 Avg**: 160.70 vs 55.22
- **Fiscal 2004 Avg**: 160.98 vs 54.61
- **Fiscal 2003 Avg**: 155.45 vs 50.53
- **Fiscal 2002 Avg**: 169.58 vs 46.03
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Respectfully Submitted by Karl Ludwig

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