

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting - June 8, 2015

Members Present: Monica Belyea, Darrell Gagnon, Anthony Moran, Krishna Winston, Chantal DeArmitt.

Others Present: John Bianca, Bill Maune, Carol Bianca, Father Sam Fuller, Arthur Gilbert, Tina Moroni, Marie McKenna, Kim O'Rourke

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of the June regular meeting were accepted as presented.

Members of the public introduced themselves as parishioners at St. Pius Church, who are interested in what the recycling commission does. Father Sam loved the idea of exploring the idea of banning plastic bags. The issue was discussed. Many felt it would be helpful to do a program to educate the public about plastic bag reduction and how to recycle plastic bags.

Father Sam reviewed the important work being done at St. Pius. He said they had Katie Hughes from Perk on Main and Kim O'Rourke came in to do a presentation on Zero Waste, Kim O'Rourke came for a coffee hour to talk to parishioners, and she did a waste audit at the church. Father Sam said they want to recycle more intentionally in the parish hall and start composting. They already made a \$30,000 investment in lighting to save energy.

Members talked about communicating with the Directors of Religious Education to spread the word about recycling.

Swap Shack Schedule

6/10 Krishna 6/20 Chantal 6/24 Monica 6/27 Krishna
Kim will send an email out to fill in the rest of the dates.

Members talked about the issues with the swap shack. It needs painting inside and out. Darrell said he was very upset with all the clothing. He felt strongly that clothing should not be accepted. It should go in the goodwill box outside. Krishna said she felt that the clothing was important and many people come to the swap shack just for the clothing. Also it needs better signage. Members talked about how to make it better. It was suggested we talk to other towns to see how they manage their swap shacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Rourke
Recycling Coordinator