

Green Team Meeting Minutes 6/13/22 7:00 pm

Attending via Zoom: Charlie, Sandy, Paul, Tima, Nancy

Bulky Waste/Recycling/Town Clean up

Tima gave us a rundown of what happened with all the recycling and trash that folks collected during townwide clean up. It seems that all of it got tossed, separated recyclables as well as trash, much to our dismay.

How to avoid this in the future? Much discussion, no clear answer on how to avoid this issue. Encourage folks to take home and put in their own recycling?

We discussed the state of plastic recycling and only #1 and #2 clean plastics are currently recycled (per DEEP website).

We will add something to the Green Team page on the Pomfret website about recyclables, what's in/what's out.

David was able to deliver bicycles from the Swap Spot to Little Angels in Willimantic for refurbishing. Thank you, David, for always taking this on.

We appreciate the time and dedication of Richard and Ellen Marie Provencher, manning our Swap Spot every Bulky Waste weekend. We would like to show our appreciation with a gift card to a local restaurant. Nancy will pick up a gift certificate to Grill 37 in the near future.

There is a Bay State Recycling container located at the Mansfield Library on Rte 89. This is a great resource, as they take literally any type of textiles as long as it is clean. Can be scraps, ripped, stained etc, they will repurpose it. We would like to see a Bay State Recycling container at the new Pomfret bulky waste site.

Next Bulky Waste is July 15 and 16. We will send an email out in a couple of weeks to fill in time slots.

Conservation Burial Grounds

Nancy brought up the idea of a "green burial" site in town. With all of Pomfret's open space and protected acreage, it could be a prime location for an eco-friendly burial ground site. This movement is growing in popularity world-wide and across the US, although there are no other sites in Connecticut at this time (as far as I have researched). Green burial is legal in all 50 states at this time.

I have just finished the book, *Our Last Best Act: Planning for the End of our Lives to Protect the People and Places We Love* and it was eye-opening and educational. I would love to pass it along to any of you who would be interested in reading further on this topic.

Here are a couple of related articles I found:

<https://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-news-green-burials-ct-20180705-story.html>

<https://www.treehugger.com/going-green-when-its-your-time-to-go-4863992>

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm.

