

PAYT Meeting Minutes
Called to order at 7pm on 2/25/21

In Attendance: Tom Darling, Jackie Jackson, Laurie Bent, David Ayer, Julia Greene, Phil Saunders, Elisabeth DiPietro

Guests: Debbie Slotpole, Julie Hyde

Audience Comments/ Questions:

Julie Hyde – Plastic bag collection program

Debbie Slotpole – Black Earth Compost Program? How much? What happens if we open the transfer to all residents (no sticker model)

Julia Greene – How are costs measured for Black Earth (Tipping + Hauling)? How does it compare to trash costs? According to Jackie – Black Earth is \$15 per barrel (averaging 200lb per 64 gallon barrel) = \$150 per ton. Trash is \$70/ton Tipping and \$440 hauling per 100yd container. Tom- previous modeling work estimated \$30-35 in hauling costs.

Laurie- Plastic recycle is interesting but outside of the scope of PAYT

Approve Minutes

Phil – Motion to Approve the Minutes of 1/19/21 meeting. Tom-Second Motion passes with unanimous approval.

Jackie- TS Update

Black Earth successful/popular

19 wks, average 728 lbs per week, 5 bins per week.

Concern over costs

Some fluctuations with # of days between pick up and vacation/snow days, etc.

Black Earth re-negotiate?

Other vendors beginning to offer curbside composting (Orifice)

Weight compost/ Trash Measurement:

Members volunteered to measure compost and trash over the prior month

Debbie Slotpole

Trash = ~7-8lbs per week

Compost =4-5 gal compost per week ~10lbs/wk

35-40% Compost rate

Tom

Compost = ~300lbs/yr or 24lbs per month

Weston trash average (excluding bulky waste) is 120lbs per month

~20% Compost rate

Laurie

46.4lbs wet compost / mo

58.8lbs trash +compost

~80% Compost rate

Take away: Compost is highly variable by household based on multiple underlying factors (pets, children, food preference, etc.) In aggregate compost can be a material amount of trash.

Laurie - PowerPoint presentation

Tom: Focus on mutually agreeable items, vibrant transfer station option, equity of cost, etc.

Liz: Bags have to work...

Phil- add towns to PAYT example

David – Need bag choices and places to get them

Sell bags on Amazon?

Waste Zero as bag vendor?

Suggest reducing trash 20% in year 1 on Macro tab of model – impact of PAYT.

Targeting presentation at the March Select Board Meeting.

Should PAYT Committee carry forward or should a new implementation committee be formed if Select Board votes to pursue PAYT?

Set next PAYT meeting for 3/11/21 at 7pm