



Town of Superior
Recycling and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting
Notes from Meeting – November 21, 2013

1. Members of the Committee in attendance: Rachael Bray, Marcus Deloite, Michelle Horton, Anne Shanahan, Corrine Lythgoe, Neal Roberts, and Tanya Sun
Absent: Jeff Tucker, Dawn DeMent,
Others in attendance: Town Board Liaison Trustee Lisa Skumatz
Beth Moyski (staff)
2. Council Liaison Report – Tr. Skumatz reported that the budget is moving forward, Public Hearing and Board consideration on November 25.
3. Continued Discussion: Bag reduction – Beth Moyski, staff. Went of answers/research from previous meeting.
 - a. Do other communities split the fees with the retailers?
 - i. Yes – as an incentive to retailers
 - b. Can Superior ground maintenance crew identify whether they pick up many bags?
 - i. Staff has checked with crews and bags are not an integral part of the trash composition collected from Superior public spaces.
 - c. Is it possible to find out the cost to retailers to stock plastic and paper bags in stores?
 - i. A survey of suppliers provided the following average:
 - Paper bags with handle: 300/case \$48 or .16 cents/bag
 - Plastic bags: 1000/case \$18.95 or .02 cents/bag
 - d. Look at what other jurisdiction except; ex. Dry cleaner bags, large item bags, etc. – How are restaurants handled with take out?
 - i. Boulder exempts these types of bags; as do other jurisdictions – staff can provide more detail for presentation to Town Board.
 - e. What is the cost of reusable bag:
 - i. Cost for reusable bag: \$.65 cents (could be more or less depending upon specifications) for each 13”x10”x15” bag made from nonwoven polypropylene material, dual reinforced handles. Estimated lifespan of these bags is 2 plus year of use.

Nest steps – RCAC to make a presentation to the Town Board at a future work session with request to consider moving forward with a bag fee. A draft proposal and power point presentation was discussed.

4. 2014 RCAC Work Plan
 - a. Generally keep the same on-going;
 - b. First Quarter: Add bag-fee presentation to Town Board work session;
 - c. Second Quarter: Confirm dates for events:
 - i. HHW: May 3
 - ii. Hard to Recycle: May 3
 - iii. Shred it Day: TBD and/or partner with commercial entity.
 - iv. Spring Clean-up (large item collection): May 8

1. Consider pre-registration
 - v. Sustainability Corner – to coincide with Arbor Day: April 26
 - d. Third Quarter: Implementation of bag fee program
 - e. Fourth Quarter: Look at options regarding fall leaf collection.
 - i. Perhaps partner with Boy Scouts or volunteer organization/program
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5. New Business.
 - a. Yard Waste site
 - b. Solar Communities recognition – January 13, 2014
 6. Adjourn.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.