

There were several handouts distributed at our meeting:

Anti_idling Campaign for S.O.

A Plan to Promote Refillable Water Bottles

S.O. Dump is Not a Dump (one could argue)

Copy of an Email from Jim McGowan

If the authors of these documents could forward electronic copies to me, they can be linked in the minutes I post to the web site, so those who want to drill down can learn more beyond the minutes.

In the absence of Peggy, there was no official minutes taker, though I did see Janine copiously writing notes during the meeting.

I made some of my own, which are shown below. Janine might find them useful in encapsulating the minutes.

Meeting began just a little past 7:30PM

The room was heated to a comfortable 82 degrees (Pina Coladas, regrettably, were not served)

Attendees:

Larry Aronson (LA), Jotham Bailey (JB1), Janine Bauer(JB2), Walter Clarke (WC), Sara Jane Jelin(SJ), Howard Levison (HL), Michael Miller – Planning Commission liaison (MM), Tom Riordan (TR), Barry Zack (BZ)

January 13th minutes were accepted without reading..

Proposals:

Anti-idling Initiative – WC (see above)

Meet with police chief on enforcement

Radio and TV spots

Sept. Gaslight

HL>PSA on SOMOCON

S.O. Recycling Facility – JB1 (see above)

Single-stream recycling opposed by JB1 because it lulls people into not thinking about packaging

Grant money to improve DPW facility

Run off from vehicles possible into the water facility

Condition of road surface

Poor or no signage

Dead tires, a nesting spot for mosquitoes

Pay to Throw

HL to send BZ electronic version of recent recycling brochure

#1 and #2 plastics acceptable for recycling



Whole Foods will accept # 3 – 5 for recycling

HL>town should stop picking up grass clippings (requires ordinance change?)

A Pesticide-Free Zone brochure – avail. From Essex County Environmental Center

March 9th selected as date for Trustee review ? – not sure if I have this right

Plastic Bottle Disposal – Sara Jane (see above)

Refillables reduce waste and recycling

Can intern survey public drinking fountain conditions?

Can DPW fix malfunctioning fountains?

Get Mayor's pledge

Consult with SHU Advisory Board

Should town commit to purchasing and selling refillable bottles?

Campaign through system by Earth Day (4/22/09)

Discussion on why people seem to prefer disposable bottles

WC>Create a visual of bottles piling up in one bin

BZ>NJ Bottle law needed to join 11 US states that now collect deposits on bottles (ranging from .05 to .10)

?>Letter writing campaign to ANJEC for passage of bottle law

?>Collect a premium on deposits to fund drinking water projects in poor countries

Sara will speak with Environmental Club at high school

Principals' pledge

School Board pledge

TR>Link with NY Times special environment web pages covering SO, MW and Millburn.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55PM