

REAC Minutes—February 18th, 2016

Present: Nathan Poore (town manager), Erica Mazzeo (Curriculum Director, Falmouth Schools), Pete Dootz, Pete LaFond, Andy Jones, Kimberly Darling, Caleb Hemphill

Updates—

Potential for compost collection for town residents— Nathan has been in conversation with staff from Casella Waste Management, We Compost It!, and Garbage to Garden. Stu (Casella/Pine Tree) explained that the problem is the end use—where do we bring it? You want to bring all of the waste to one location to reduce costs. Discussed compostable bags, would need to utilize mechanical/automated collection trucks. Had a conversation with Kevin at ecomaine and discussed other states with different curbside collection options. Trying to figure out the logistics that would best serve residents.

REAC Annual Committee Report

Committee reviewed the annual report and approved it to be a final version—Andy made note that the litter cleanup on Gray road should be included. The report will be submitted to the Melissa Tryon, the Executive Assistant on February 25th.

Energy Plan

Erica Mazzeo, the School Department's Curriculum Director and Kimberly presented the most updated version of the town-wide Energy Plan. They are recommending we use "coding" with the United Nation's Sustainability Goals. The school department has standards for STEAM, and they're using the National Agricultural Standards for their permaculture program. The thought is these standards and principles will be incorporated into the town and school energy plan. This discussion will continue at the March meeting.