NH Network Plastics Working Group (PWG) #29
Sunday, October 9, 2022, 6 pm

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 23, 2022, 6 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 627 560 9302
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Plastics Working Group Slide Deck Link
Ten Towns Toolkit Slide Deck Link
Ten Towns Toolkit website Link
PWG Facilitator Schedule
PWG Visioning Workshop
Ten Towns Ten Actions Promotion Pieces
(All are invited to add resources to the first two slide decks)

CHALLENGE FOR EVERY MEETING: Bring a high school or college student

Attending:
(KEEP THIS LIST INTACT AND EDIT EACH MEETING - USUALLY SIMILAR ATTENDEES SHOW UP EACH TIME)
Cynthia Walter, Susan Richman, Cindy Heath, Reb MacKenzie, Ann Podlidny, Kristine Baber, Darla Thyng, Kennedy McGrath, Morgan Adams, Carol Sullivan, Patsy Beffa-Negrini, Ann Podlidny, Mary Armstrong, Rep. Sherry Dutzy, Bonnie Christie

Agenda/Discussion:
- Introductions and Land Acknowledgment
    - Indigenous People's Day Proclamation
- Community Updates from Ten Towns, Ten Actions Leaders & Attendees
- Collective Action - Restaurant Project (Kristine)
- First Year Celebration Update (Cindy)
- Systems Thinking Training - Grant Progress (Kennedy)
- Joining Beyond Plastics as an affiliate (Cindy)
- UNH Intern Proposal (Cynthia)
- Representative to Network Steering Committee

Community Updates

- **Mary, Harrisville** - Officially began its NexTrex plastic bag and film collection at their Transfer Station. Volunteers were on hand for the 1st 3 weekends to help explain the program (using their special exhibit signs) and hand out handy reference sheets. Through 10/1, about 120 pounds has been collected; Mary was invited to speak at a luncheon meeting for the Keene Chapter of the AAUW. She explained the 10 Towns initiative and highlighted some Harrisville actions; Mary was interviewed on WKBK's Good Morning talk show. Focus was the 10 Towns Initiative and Harrisville actions, with emphasis on the NexTrex Program. A recording has been posted under the Media section of the 10Towns.org site. Harrisville will be hosting a Community Conversation on Nov 15. Topics will include: Rethinking Plastics, Town Recycling Committee, and initiatives of the 350 NH org

- **Kristine, Dover -** reorganizing to become independent non-partisan community group; Dover Dems will continue to publish Green Tips; recruited retired middle school counselor who wants to work with children - maybe a connection with the schools; new refillery in Dover - will develop a collaborative relationship with the owner; developing restaurant project
- **Carol, Center Harbor -** focusing on energy right now; visited Castle in the Clouds; use Ossipee Park Road
- **Patsy, Nelson -** will be updating website with minutes and working on the next newsletter; published an LTE on 9/12 focused on landfill law and on incineration; may model Harrisville activities in Nelson
- **Susan, Durham** - has been writing LTEs; Energy Expo - loved the restaurant cards; had 17 new people signing up for the Network; Oct. 26 panel will focus on high electric bills; Durham is creating a timeline for Recycle Right campaign; will be taking on plastics! Email to restaurants on 'Hold the Plastics' webinar; new restaurant in town wants to go plastic free; no nominations for managers; invited all to consider
- **Darla, Hollis** - LTEs focused on groundwater runoff, advanced recycling; taking 'Beyond Plastics' class; will look at TTTA website and consider taking actions; has been able to have conversations with people who have divergent views
- **Cynthia, Dover -** working on UNH fellowship; NH has declared that AR is a manufacturing process and exempt from solid waste regulations; researched PA regulations, emissions data; working with Clean Air Council; collaboration with CLF, UCS, NH HWCA
- **Kennedy, Durham -** working on grant writing for Thinking in Systems
- **Rep. Sherry, Nashua** - spoke with faculty at Bishop Guertin to explore food service changes; school is conservative but trying to find advocates in 3 schools; planning outreach via FB to recruit people to work with PWG; asphalt mfr purchased land is proposing to start up operations in a low income area; activists are working to vote it down; attended National Caucus of Environmental Legislators focused on bike/ped and energy; legislators from around NE; all can be a resource in terms of research across the US on climate/environmental issues; different from office of legislative service; Sabin Center @ Columbia - pro bono attorneys that will draft legislation based on policy ideas; National Caucus of Environmental Legislators: Nashua Library is a likely collaborator for films, events, promotion, engagement
- **Ann, Chester -** grateful for acknowledgement of Indigineous People's Day; will pass on the NHICC meeting; appreciates articles that are sent on the listserve; uses in tabling; taking Beyond Plastics course; learned about Habits of Waste - tips on plastic reduction campaigns; 10.14 Sustainability Fair in Lee - 500 students will b there; presenting education on plastic reduction; 10.15 Trash Pick Up Day - Chester's Plastics Working Group; committed to fighting the asphalt plant project; wrote an opinion piece in Concord Monitor on the subject; will go into 3rd grade classes and present on reducing, reusing plastic; Nov. 2nd screening on The Story of Plastic; part of Network Legislative Working Group; contacted David Waters proposing pilot electric bus bill
- **Reb, Claremont** - Chili Cook Off booth - anti litter task force; insisted on metal water bottles donated by Edward Jones with anti litter task force logo; bookmarks with plastics pledge in exchange for water bottle; joined the restaurant group; A Better Claremont is opposing the proposed C & D transfer station;
- B**onnie, Hopkinton -** "Let's Talk Trash" - why NH has a waste problem, Do's & Don'ts at the Transfer Station, Recycle Right, composting; future program exclusively on plastics; pilot composting project in New London for collecting food scraps; wants to replicate in Hopkinton
- **Morgan, Dover** - member of Citizens Climate Lobby; wants to hear what PWG is up to
- **Cindy, Cornish** - outreach and resource sharing to King Arthur Flour and Red Door Bakery; foam collection on Oct. 22 in Cornish, Oct. 29 in Lebanon; processing in Gilford 10.31

Restaurant Project - Collective Action

- **Meeting on 10.11, Tuesday, 7 pm -** reviewing plan for piloting the process of collecting information using the survey; pilot a couple of restaurants in each participating community; approach across towns will vary; goal is to maintain comparability across towns; **Good Start packaging meeting on Tuesday, 10.11, 4 pm** - they may provide free samples of products that could be taken around to restaurants; goal to discuss reusable take out options

First Year Celebration Update - postponed until May

Composting in High Schools - contact Susan Richman susan7richman@gmail.com if you know of a high school that's composting.

Joining Beyond Plastics as an Affiliate - leaning towards joining - seems positive; Judith Enck well connected and good at what she does; Ann & Carol will serve as liaisons; could be a great exchange of ideas and resource sharing with other groups; Cindy, Ann, Carol will attend December programs and report back.

UNH Intern Proposal - deadline November 3rd to apply; 400 hours supervised by Cynthia summer 2023; ***how do we find $7,500 for undergrad or $9,500 for a graduate students*** - UNH may provide some funds; goal to reduce plastic purchasing & use; road map will not focus on recycling; municipalities would be the focus; fellow would interview Managers in schools, towns, institutions and others to explore reducing plastic purchases; suggest working with RPCs; Rotary for funding; collaborate with Kennedy working on Systems Thinking funding.

Future Agenda Items:

- Creating a slide in the slide deck for information about different projects that towns are working on such as reusable resources for restaurants so we can collaborate rather than each town duplicating efforts because they are not aware of others efforts.
- Collective Action - Develop a book list on climate change and plastic pollution topics for consideration by libraries
- Collective Action - Create a list of films for a winter series
- Connecting with Businesses for Social Responsibility
- Tabling venues to spread our message
- Deep dive into advanced recycling

See Below For Past Meeting Notes

Previous PWG Meeting Notes

Meeting Notes #1 - August 1, 2021
Meeting Notes #2 - August 15, 2021
Meeting Notes #3 - August 29, 2021
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Meeting Notes #6 - October 17, 2021

Meeting Notes #7 - October 31, 2021
Meeting Notes #8 - November 14, 2021
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Meeting Notes #11 - January 9, 2022
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Meeting Notes #26 - August 28, 2022
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Meeting Notes #28 - September 25, 2022

Community Action Works Notes

Campaign Planning Principles, Decision-Making Chart, Kick Off Meeting Notes
#2 October 17 - Goal Setting & Timeline Notes
#3 November 14 - Messaging Workshop Handbook
#4 November 14 - Messaging Notes
#5 November 28 - Messaging & Slogan
#6 January 3 - Communications Work Group Meeting Docs
#7 June 5 - Updates and Legislative Planning, Campaign Planning PDF, Visioning Workshop