

NH Network Plastics Working Group (PWG) #34
Sunday, January 8, 2023, 6 pm

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 22, 2023, 6 pm

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Meeting ID: 627 560 9302

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[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)

Cindy Heath, Carol Sullivan, Patsy Beffa-Negrini, Ann Podlipny, Mary Armstrong, Reb MacKenzie, Shannon Choquette, Ginny, Susan Opal, Rob Pinsonneault, Bonnie Christie, Alicia Gregg

Agenda/Discussion:

- **Introductions, Land Acknowledgment & Events**
- **Updates from Ten Towns, Ten Actions Leaders & Attendees**
 - **Patsy, Nelson** - town champion for carbon cashback & community power aggregation, volunteers at Harrisville transfer station, LTE in Keene Sentinel with a GREAT deal of help from Robert Feder, M.D. of N.H. Healthcare Workers for Climate Action:
https://www.sentinelsource.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/reader-opinion-help-our-neighbors-in-nashua-with-this-by-patricia-beffa-negrini/article_5449d822-ebe6-5ab2-941c-4650f33ce9a1.html
 - **Shannon, VT** - move to NH and stay in VT; recycling foam at her facility, residents source separate material and collection systems for 25 communities; Prima bm recycling in Groveton has stopped accepting film
 - **Ginny, VT** - wants to address packaging changes
 - **Susan, Keene** - introducing bottle bill legislation
 - **Rob, Nashua** - working to change the landscape in NH; wants to limit the stream of plastics to reduce recycling; working on Nashua environmental issues - asphalt plant; HS students are tuned in to environmental issues; wants to empower students to take action; Senate Bill BFFP could galvanize NH residents
 - **Cindy, Cornish** - film recycling w/recycling center; foam recycling expanding to Plymouth, Harrisville, Tamworth, Sandwich, Claremont, Hanover is Feb. 11, Lebanon's is April 1, Cornish is March 25
 - **Mary, Harrisville** - NY Times article on composting:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/01/headway/composting-food-leftovers.html?smid=nytco>

- [re-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare](#); wants to get more involved in legislation; has collected more than 500 pounds so far; considering storing foam at a spare building
 - **Carol, Center Harbor** - work with library on displays
 - **Reb, Claremont** - transfer station privatized; paying for plastic which isn't recyclable
 - **Ann, Chester** - more school engagement, roadside clean ups, collecting film, made signs to reduce plastic use with a green tips model, met with Selectboard to discuss carbon cashback; Beyond Plastics affiliate meeting attendance; book club for environmental reads
 - **Bonnie, Hopkinton** - waste reduction committee, plastic waste reduction
 - **Alicia, Nashua** - State Rep in Nashua - child/family law committee; working on asphalt plant siting, dealing with old ordinance; close to a school and the Nashua River; can help look at legislation
- **Collective Actions -**
 - **Restaurant Project (Kristine)**
 - [Recirclable](#) - relationship building with Christina Dubin in progress
 - Possible pilot program in Dover
 - **Starbucks January 15 Photo Shoot (Cindy)**
 - [LTE template available](#), encourage better signage about perks, show up and take a photo using a reusable cup and send to focotrashmob@gmail.com
- **UNH Intern Project (Cynthia)**
 - Nearly fully funded
- **Beyond Plastics Affiliate Update (Carol, Darla, Ann)**
 - Recommends Plastic Wars movie; also Microplastic Madness
 - Recommends the book [Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis](#)
 - Mock constituent meeting - ID a problem and help them solve the problem
 - Focused on advocacy organizing & strategizing - rallies, etc
 - Pick a state rep to meet with and follow through on a request to build coalitions
 - PWG is already doing a lot of the actions recommended by Beyond Plastics
 - Towns in NH are all different, so individual actions are supported with the BP initiatives
- **Systems Thinking Training - Grant Progress (Kennedy)**
 - Fundraising ongoing

Other

- <https://just-zero.org/> Conservation Law Foundation attorneys have formed a new group
- Active Hope Book Club - Plainfield & Cornish Libraries at the Cornish Store - ZOOM option available
 - **Thursday, February 2, 630 pm**, [Saving Us](#), Katharine Hayhoe
 - **Thursday, February 23, 630 pm**, [Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses and Citizens Can Save the Planet](#), by Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope
 - **Thursday, March 16, 630 pm**, [Under the Sky We Make](#), Kimberly Nicholas
 - **Thursday, April 6, 630 pm**, Braiding Sweetgrass, Robin Wall Kimmerer

Future Agenda Items:

- Collaborative Solid Waste Strategies - Sherry Dutzy will contact Clarke Corsen
- Presentation to NH Legislative Committee on the environment - Kat McGee is sympathetic
- Road map tour of NH legislative website

- Collective Action - Develop a book list on climate change for consideration by libraries
- Connect with Businesses for Social Responsibility
- Tabling venues to spread our message

See Below For Past Meeting Notes

Previous PWG Meeting Notes

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[Meeting Notes #2 - August 15, 2021](#)
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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](#)