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

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 22 , 2023, 6 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 627 560 9302
Passcode: garden

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)
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

Meeting Notes #1 - August 1, 2021
Meeting Notes #2 - August 15, 2021
Meeting Notes #3 - August 29, 2021
Meeting Notes #4 - September 19, 2021
Meeting Notes #5 - October 3, 2021
Meeting Notes #6 - October 17, 2021
Meeting Notes #7 - October 31, 2021
Meeting Notes #8 - November 14, 2021
Meeting Notes #9 - November 28, 2021
Meeting Notes #10 - December 12, 2021
Meeting Notes #11 - January 9, 2022
Meeting Notes #12 - January 23, 2022
Meeting Notes #13 - February 6, 2022
Meeting Notes #14 - February 20, 2022
Meeting Notes #15 - March 13, 2022
Meeting Notes #16 - March 27, 2022
Meeting Notes #17 - April 10, 2022
Meeting Notes #18 - April 24, 2022
Meeting Notes #19 - May 8, 2022
Meeting Notes #20 - May 22, 2022
Meeting Notes #21 - June 5, 2022
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Meeting Notes #31 - November 6, 2022
Meeting Notes #32 - November 20, 2022
Meeting Notes #33 - December 4, 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