

## City of Cambridge Recycling Advisory Committee

October 8, 2014 - Minutes Taken by Debby Galef

**Members present:** Keith Cialino, Debby Galef, Rob Gogan, Debby Knight, Janet Mosley, Meera Singh, Joanna Vanden, Mary Verhage  
**Members absent:** Sarah Connor, Laura Nichols, Michael Orr  
**Staff present:** Randi Mail, Meryl Brott, John Fitzgerald  
**Guests:** Chris Beling, Helen Snively, Jeri Weiss

The September minutes were approved. No public comment.

### Tonnage Update

Update on curbside recycling and trash stats. **Tons recycled YTD** Jan-Sep in 2014 6,869 tons, down .4% from 6,900 tons year to date in 2013. **Tons disposed\* YTD** in 2014 is 11,116 tons down 3.3% from 11,501 tons in 2013. \*Tons disposed includes city served trash from ~31,500 households, public schools and city buildings. It does not include multi-family buildings served by private haulers, businesses, or universities. DPW will publicize lbs/household/week in January and June, at the end of the calendar year and fiscal year respectively. Now at 18 lbs/HH/wk and goal is 16 for 2020. Baseline year 2008, was 22 lbs/HH/wk.

### Quick Repair Café Debrief

There was a brief recap of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridge Repair Café held 9/27, overall a very positive event. Review of feedback from survey of event organizers and volunteers. 80+ people attended with about a 70% fixit rate.

### Review of RAC Working Goals

The meeting focus was on the 3 working goals for RAC, action items for each in the form of SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic/Relevant, Timeframe). The discussion and working session was by Chris and Jeri from the EPA. The goals are:

1. Policy: Integrate extended producer responsibility (EPR) and materials management into the City's solid waste policy and climate protection activities. (team lead is Keith)
2. Business: Increase business and commercial recycling in the City; (team lead is Janet)
3. Outreach: Increase knowledge and promote actions that establish a 5Rs culture (Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle & Rot) through outreach, public relations, volunteerism, incentives and support to residents and multi-family property managers. Do it in a fun way! (team lead is Debby K)

Members will refine action items for each goals via Google Docs and conference calls. Prioritizing action items for each sub-group and overall committee will occur at November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.