

Bloomfield Recycling Committee Minutes
June 11, 2025
Submitted by Claire Anderson

Attendance: Claire Anderson, Louise Palagano, Michael Heller, Nick Joanow, Ed Garcia, Brie Seferian, Mark Stulbaum

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting on May 14, 2025 were approved. Ed Garcia made a motion to approve and Brie Sefarian seconded it.

Recycle Coach

Last month interactions were up and new subscribers for the month were also up. Under Learning Activities the number of residents who just looked at the questions was up, but the number of residents who actually engaged was down.

Bloomfield Schools

The Grand Falloons recycling presentation for younger children is still being scheduled for this school year, one was set for May 30 and one is in the works for June. Kristen from the Grand Falloons organization also reported they will be setting up dates for the next school year. Money from the tonage grant is used to pay for these educational programs.

Old Business

Tommy Smith from Turnkey Enterprises was asking about a 3rd location for Turnkey to place another bin for recycling clothing. There was a suggestion of the empty lot at the corner of West and East Passaic Aves, but it may be too visible and liable to have dumping issues. Other sites, including the Public Library, were discussed, but they all have problems. Michael H. thinks there might be room at Brookdale School. The Bloomfield Shredding day on May 17, 2025 collected 11,404 lbs or 5.173 tons of shredding. It was a rainy day and there were fewer people than usual. The Fall date for shredding has not been set yet; the shredding company has new owners, so we don't know how that will effect our events.

New Business

There will be a Recycling Educational Program in the evening on 8/13 at the Civic Center. Wayne DeFeo of Wayne DeFeo Associates will be the main speaker. He will show 2 videos of recycling centers and talk about Recycle Coach statistics. Wayne, who is a Solid Waste Consultant for Essex County, introduced new recycling containers to Nutley and may speak about the market for recyclables and the advantages of single-stream or double-stream recycling. Brie and Norm will work together to MC the program. A flyer has already been produced by our PR company. Nick will reach out to the Environmental Commission and the Open Space Trust Fund. Michael H. thinks some school workers, who are writing curriculum over the summer(particularly science) may be interested in attending. Louise contacted WMBA about videotaping it, but they said it was not part of their contract. She asked Nick to look into that. Ed presented a design for t-shirts for committee members to wear at sponsored events. He and Louise will work together to get them made by August 13. Committee members are needed to help out at that event and should arrive early. Nick suggested we should have a case of water available. Nick and MichaelG will do an email blast.

Mark reported that he had visited a recycling center in Long Island and was very

impressed with how efficient and convenient it was; he emailed some pictures.

Brookdale Gardens

Joyce was absent, so there was no report on Brookdale Gardens.

Pumpkin Smash

Norm has not received a reply from the DPW about JAVA Compost composting the smashed pumpkins; he will try to contact them directly. He also suggested that the event might be held at an elementary school.

Adjournment: 7:55pm

The next meeting of the Bloomfield Recycling Committee will be held on Wed., July 9, 2025 at 7pm.